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OF THE

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity,

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trial) were adopted. Part IV. (substituting annual letters for semi-annual ones) was laid upon the table.

The report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was received. (Exhibit F.) The report was considered by parts. Parts I. (Ohio State University charter), II. (University of Texas charter), and III. (dispensation for University of Denver) were adopted.

J. L. Coker, of Stevens, moved that part IV. of the report be amended by adding _____ * Chapter to the list. The amendment was lost.

On motion of Eugene Wambaugh, of Harvard, part IV. was rejected, and the following resolution was adopted as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be requested to appoint one or more special commissioners to make a personal examination of the four Chapters which the Board may consider as possibly the least worthy upon our roll, and that the Board be requested to lay before the next Convention the results of the investigation.

The President appointed the following Executive Committee on Arrangements for the next Convention: John I. Covington, Charles J. Seaman, George F. Saal, J. L. Moore, and Homer Gard.

The General Treasurer announced the names of the Chapters in arrears for annual dues.

On motion of W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of an improved ritual and present a report to the next Convention. The President appointed W. H. Crawshaw, F. M. Welsh, and K. C. Radcliff as such committee.

W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, moved that, subject to the approval of the next Convention, Sec. 8 of Art. V. of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: "Sec. 8. The annual dues shall be two dollars for each member, and shall be paid to the General Treasurer by the respective Chapters as hereinbefore provided. The annual dues shall include the yearly subscription to the fraternity magazine. The dues of every member admitted between December 1 and June 30 shall be sent to the General Treasurer immediately upon the member's initiation;" and that, subject to the approval of the next Con-

* NOTE — Omitted words will be supplied by the General Secretary upon application.

vention, Sec. 1 of Art. V. of the Constitution be amended by substituting the word "December" for the word "February" in each place in which the latter word now occurs. A vote was taken by Chapters, and the motion was carried by thirty yeas against one nay.

The General Treasurer announced a revised list of the Chapters in arrears for annual dues.

The report of the Committee on Orator and Poet was received and adopted. (Exhibit G.)

The report of the General Treasurer was received. (Exhibit H.) It was referred to the Committee on Finance and Corporation.

On motion of John I. Covington, of Miami, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the finances of the last edition of the Song Book. The President appointed John I. Covington, A. C. Whitaker, and R. S. Maison as such committee.

On motion, Wilby G. Hyde was appointed a committee to search for papers supposed to be missing from the General Secretary's report.

The Secretary read a letter from General R. W. Smith, of the old Williams Chapter, expressing continued interest in the fraternity and deep regret because of his inability to attend this Convention.

The Historiographer's report was received. (Exhibit J.) It was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs.

G. F. Saal, of Cornell, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Board of Directors the following: (1) That the publication of the Beta Theta Pi magazine be transferred from Cincinnati to New York. (2) That the Editorial Board be composed of William R. Baird, R. L. Fearn, Paul Wilcox, and such others as they may decide upon. (3) That any profit which shall be left from the publication shall go to the Editorial Board as a compensation for its labor, and any deficit which may arise shall be paid from the general fund of the fraternity.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs.

R. S. Thompson, of Wabash, moved the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That all Chapters at which preparatory students are initiated be instructed to make efforts to come to an agreement with their rivals against such initiations, and also to make efforts to induce the college authorities to prohibit such initiations.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

(The evening was devoted to the annual banquet. It was given at the Burnet House. About one hundred were present, all being members of the fraternity.)

FRIDAY, August 27, 9 A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Convention reassembled at 9 A. M., the President in the chair. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

In behalf of the Board of Directors, Dr. Thad. A. Reamy explained the circumstances which have prevented the report of the Secretary of the Board from being presented to the Convention.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs presented its report. (Exhibit K.) The report was considered part by part. Part I. (preparatory students) was adopted. Part II. (historiographer) was amended by filling the blank with the words "fifty dollars," and was then adopted. Part III. (magazine) was considered item by item. It was moved that the first item (sending the magazine to New York) be laid upon the table; and, a rising vote being called for, that motion was carried unanimously. The second item (editorial staff) was laid upon the table. The third item (compensation of editorial staff) was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Corporation was received and adopted. (Exhibit L.)

Wilby G. Hyde, the special committee to search for papers supposed to be missing from the General Secretary's report, reported that he had not been able to find the papers. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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DISTRICT IV.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA—J. F. McLeod, J. T. Edwards, C. M. Hepburn.

RICHMOND—E. B. Pollard, C. D. Roy.

DISTRICT V.

CENTRE—W. E. Bryce, H. L. Briggs.

VANDERBILT—J. B. Robertson, J. W. McClure, J. B. Ellis.

DISTRICT VI.

MIAMI—Shaler Berry, J. N. Brown.

WESTERN RESERVE—E. A. Clark.

OHIO WESLEYAN—E. L. Shannon, S. P. Withrow, Guy M. Clarke.

WITTENBERG—A. H. Smith, C. K. Mower, G. A. Billow.

DENISON—H. J. Kendig, C. S. Sprague, E. A. Williams.

WOOSTER—D. F. Conrad, G. A. Shives, W. W. Barnett.

KENYON—H. C. Devin, A. C. Whitaker, G. C. Cox.

OHIO UNIVERSITY—G. W. Reed, E. B. Skinner.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY—W. G. Hyde, W. H. Siebert, Julius Floto.

DISTRICT VII.

DEPAUW—J. L. Benedict, Harry Bowser, J. J. Hammond.

HANOVER—J. E. Abrams, J. C. Clemmons, T. R. Bridges.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN—L. B. Lee.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY—J. S. Shannon.

WABASH—R. S. Thomson, F. W. Boudinot, A. A. McCain.

DISTRICT VIII.

NORTHWESTERN—D. H. Bloom, C. N. Zeublin.

BELOIT—J. R. Montgomery.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—S. S. Cook.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY—Marvin H. Dey.

IOWA WESLEYAN—W. B. Hanna, C. R. Wooden, E. F. Smith.

DISTRICT IX.

WESTMINSTER—R. L. Simpson.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS.

Cincinnati Alumni—JOHN I. COVINGTON, of Miami, W. F. BOYD, of Ohio University, and F. M. JOYCE, of DePauw.

Cleveland Alumni—CHARLES J. SEAMAN, of Denison.

PART III.—OTHERS PRESENT.

- STEVENS—E. J. Coldewey, E. P. Robbins.
 WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON—A. D. Hepburn, D. D.
 CENTRE—S. C. Archibald, Clarence Mathews, W. H. Kelly, M. D.
 OHIO WESLEYAN—Thad. A. Reamy, M. D., Hon. John M. Pattison, E.
 W. Runyan, G. A. Talbert, D. H. Sowers, F. L. Young, Sylvester G.
 Williams, F. P. Irvin, S. R. Greer.
 WITTENBERG—E. O. Weaver, R. C. Bancroft, S. E. Greenawalt, J. L.
 Moore.
 WOOSTER—G. A. Nesbitt, J. M. Macdonald, F. W. Burgoyne, A. B.
 Dunlap, D. L. Moore, Ferdinand Schwill.
 KENYON—E. M. Benedict, C. K. Benedict, Rev. Charles D. Williams.
 OHIO UNIVERSITY—Earl Cranston, D. D., G. W. Boyce, Major J. M.
 Goodspeed.
 MIAMI—Hon. John W. Herron, E. B. Stevens, M. D., Col. A. S. Berry,
 Col. D. W. McClung, W. G. Shannon, Wm. Jamison, E. H. Greer.
 DEPAUW—L. W. Joyce, D. D., E. L. Martin, W. C. Smith, J. J. Hight,
 D. D., C. M. Zeller, W. B. Roberts.
 HANOVER—D. C. Blyth, James Brown.
 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN—G. C. Manly.
 INDIANA UNIVERSITY—Elkanah Williams, M. D., Giles S. Mitchell, M.
 D., T. M. Green, A. C. Patton, F. L. McCoy, W. W. Bonner.
 KNOX—M. P. Drury.
 CINCINNATI—Hon. Jacob Burnet.
 DENISON—V. R. Shepard.
 HARVARD—Chambers Baird, Jr.

EXHIBIT B.**GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Gentlemen of the Convention:

I have the honor of submitting my report for the official year of 1885-86.

THE ROLL OF CHAPTERS.

There are forty-seven college chapters in our fraternity, two more than the number reported last year. These two are the chapters at the University of Texas and at the Ohio State University.

The petition of F. M. Newton and others for a chapter at the University of Texas was granted by the Convention of '85. After a long delay, no less vexatious to the General Secretary than to the petitioners, the new chapter was formally instituted on the 14th of May. The initiation was conducted by the three petitioners, who were already Betas, assisted by the resident alumni of Austin.

The Convention of '85 directed the General Secretary to prepare the petitions for chapters at the Ohio State University, the Michigan State Agricultural College, the University of Denver, and the University of Missouri, and submit the same to the vote of the chapters singly in the order named, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Article III. of the Constitution. A similar direction was received from the Board of Directors.

Accordingly the petition of the Ohio State University students was submitted to the chapters in October, and the requisite number having voted in favor of granting this petition the chapter was formally instituted under the personal management of the General Secretary on December '11, 1885, upon the occasion of the third annual reunion of Ohio Chapters. The initiation was conducted by the Ohio Wesleyan Chapter, and delegates were present from eight different Chapters. The new Chapter has already shown itself to be vigorous, harmonious, and successful.

The petition from the Michigan State Agricultural College has not been submitted to the chapters, being withheld at the request of the petitioners through their special representative, Major Ransom, in order more fully to prepare the petition and its endorsements before final action should be taken.

The remaining petitioners at Denver, after some delay, decided not to have their old petition submitted to the Chapters, but have formed a new one, which is submitted herewith, for the consideration of the Convention. Formal notice of this petition was not received by the General Secretary until June—too late for announcement to the Chapters, as required by the Constitution.

There is a tendency among those about to present petitions to put off notifying the General Secretary until about the first of June, when an announcement to the Chapters would be too late for conformity to the Constitution. The General Secretary feels on responsibility for the heedlessness or the lack of information

which causes this tendency, because the Constitution and Laws are explicit on the subject. Printed copies of the Constitution and Laws are in the hands of the General Secretary for free distribution to all Betas who will take the trouble to apply for them. This has been announced at various times, and — "ignorance of the law excuses no man."

The petition from Missouri State University has not been submitted to the Chapters for reasons similar to those in the other two cases. A detailed account of all the circumstances in these cases seems too long for a written report. The General Secretary, however, will be very glad to explain the reasons for this apparent failure on his part to carry out the will of the last Convention, to the Committee on Chapters and Charters, or to the Convention, if so desired. Briefly, I can say, the petitions were virtually withdrawn by their special friends and supporters in each case.

PETITIONS FOR CHARTERS.

I present herewith two petitions. One is from the University of North Carolina and the other from Denver University.

These petitions are accompanied by catalogues, statements of facts, and the other papers necessary in such cases.

THE CONDITION OF THE COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

Nearly all the Chapters appear to be in as good condition as usual, and many of them in exceptionally good condition. There is a marked improvement in the promptness, fulness, and accuracy of the reports from the Corresponding Secretaries, though a few are still either dilatory or slovenly and unreliable. The Manual for the Instruction of Corresponding Secretaries has, I believe, had a good effect, and has been a good investment.

I have taken more pains than usual in trying to ascertain the actual condition of each Chapter of our fraternity. Besides the ordinary materials of semi-annuals, Chapter letters, annual reports and correspondence, I have, with the very prompt and efficient aid of the excellent corps of Chief Assistant Secretaries for this year, sent out a special blank report for each Chapter, a copy of which I submit herewith and make a part of this report,

together with tabular statement of the answers to all of these questions from each Chapter [Vide inset]:

The _____ Chapter the _____ of Beta Theta Pi. Report for year 1886, to the Chief Assistant Secretary of District _____.

A. CHAPTER MEETINGS.

1. Are they held regularly?
2. If so, how often and on what days?
3. Are literary exercises held in Chapter meetings?
4. If so, what is their nature?
5. Is business in the Chapter meetings conducted formally according to parliamentary law?

B. CHAPTER HALL.

6. Are your meetings held in a Chapter house, in a Chapter hall, or in a private room?
7. If in a Chapter house or hall, describe it briefly; also, furniture, library, equipments, or other property.

C. RECORDS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

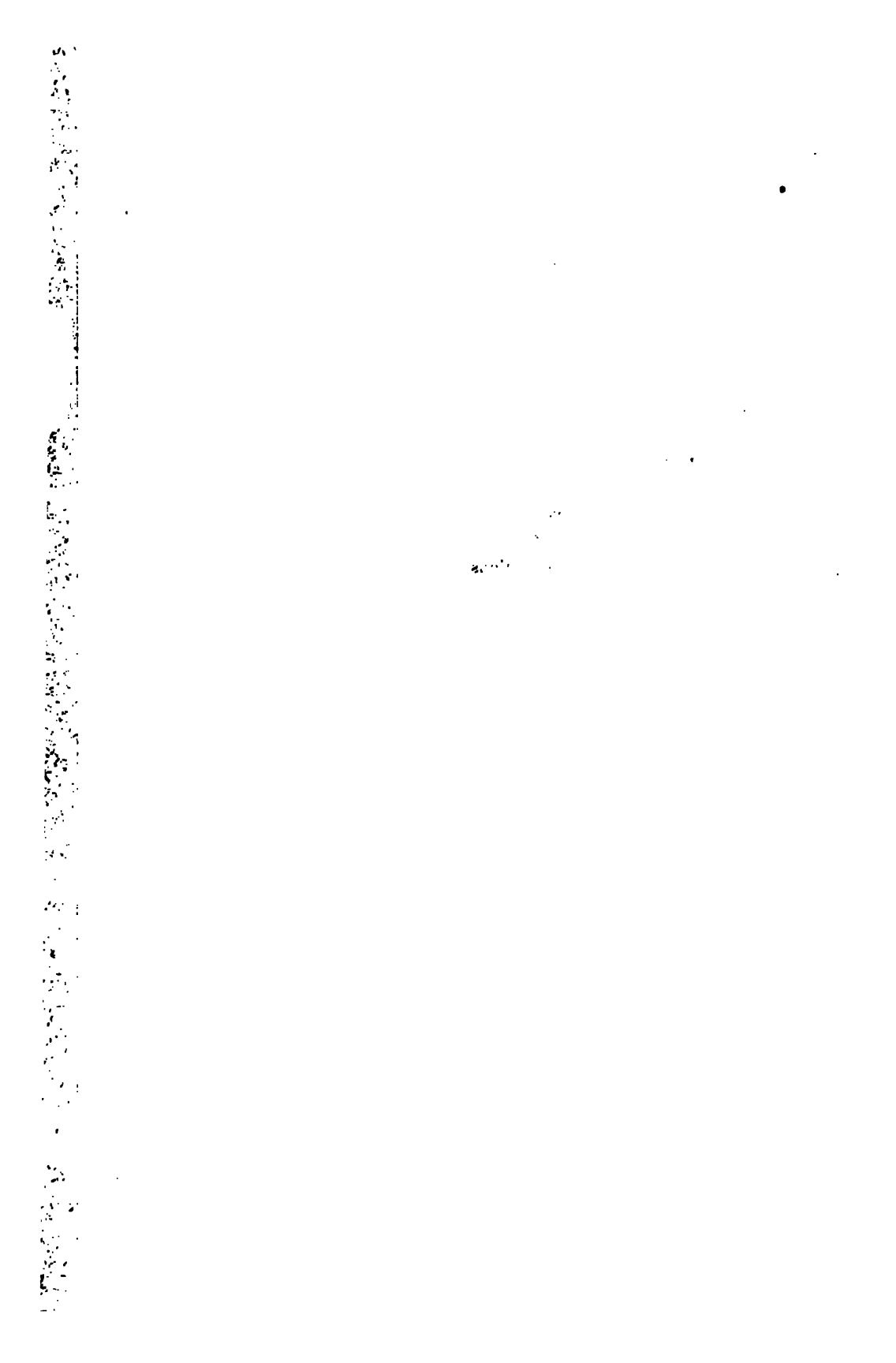
8. Does the Chapter own a catalogue? A ritual? Does it keep a file of the Fraternity magazine?
9. Have you a permanent record of your Chapter meetings? If so, how far back does it extend? About how many pages does it cover?
10. Do you preserve the Chapter's correspondence? If so, in what form?
11. Answer similar questions regarding the semi-annual circular letters of your own Chapter.
12. Concerning the semi-annuals received from other Chapters.

D. MEMBERSHIP.

13. Number of men in the Chapter.
14. More or less than last year?
15. If more or less give reason for same.
16. Are the relations between all your members harmonious?
17. Is there intimate personal friendship existing between the members, more so than with other students?
18. How many of your present members expect to return to College next fall?
19. How many "pledged" men have you, if any?
20. Have you lost any members this year by expulsion? By suspension? By voluntary withdrawal? By death? By leaving College? For any other reason? (Give number in each case.)

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	Phi Delta Theta	Phi Gamma Delta	Phi Kappa Psi	Phi Kappa Sigma	Phi Kappa Alpha
Main St	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harvard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amherst	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown U	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Law	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union C	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornell	11	.....	14	.....	.....
Columb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stevens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rutgers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Univers	16	.....	40	24	.....
Dickins	18	.....	11	.....	.....
Washing	23	20	18	10	.....
Johns H	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Univers	10	.....	18	3	12
Randolp	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmo	7	.....	.....	4	.....
Hampde	.....	8	12	.....	10
Univers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vaudert	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumber	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio U	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denison	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Kenyon	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Wooste	16	20	14	.....	.....
Western	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Ohio W	8	9	14	.....	.....
Wittenb	.....	9	11	.....	.....
Ohio St	10	16	14	.....	.....
Hanove	17	12	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	16	17	20	.....	.....
DePauw	20	19	20	.....	.....
Wabash	22	12	4	.....	.....
Univers	.....	15	29	.....	33
Northw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beloit	.....	.....	11	.....	.....
Univer	10	.....	17	.....	.....
Iowa S	12	.....	10	.....	.....
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West	5	.....	.....	.....	.....



21. How many men have you initiated this year in each of the following departments: Theology? Law? Medical? Pharmacy? Any scientific school of any kind? Preparatory department?
22. Mention, with dates and important or interesting particulars, any banquet, reunion, or similar affair, or any public entertainment, literary, social, musical, dramatic, or otherwise, given by your Chapter during the year.

E. INITIATIONS.

23. Are candidates for membership formally balloted on in Chapter meeting before invited?
24. Personal acquaintance with the candidates on the part of each member required before "spiking"?
25. Are your initiations conducted according to the old ritual, the new ritual, or
26. Have any of your members been refused this year? If so, how many? For what reason?

F. EXPENSES.

27. What is your initiation fee?
28. What are the average Chapter expenses of each member each year, *excluding* the annual dues and the Fraternity magazine?

G. HONORS, ETC.

29. Give name, class, and particulars concerning any of your members who have attained honors, rewards, prizes, official positions, or distinctions of any kind, or who have accomplished any special work, or been marked for attainment in any of the following particulars, or in any other particular you may consider important:
 - (a) In general or special scholarship:
 - (b) In oratory or declamation:
 - (c) In essays, theses, lectures, and the like:
 - (d) In scientific, literary, or other investigation:
 - (e) In class offices, or distinctions:
 - (f) In other offices depending on choice of fellow-students.
 - (g) In those depending upon appointment by faculty, etc.:
 - (h) In editorial, reporter's, or similar work:
 - (i) In athletics of any kind:
 - (j) In music or other departments of art:
 - (k) In religious affairs:
 - (l) In any other respect:

H. THE COLLEGE.

30. Describe the attitude of the President, Faculty, and other college officers toward the Fraternities in general.
31. Toward your Chapter in particular.
32. If there is a preparatory department or academy, do you initiate "preps"? Do you "pledge" them? If so, in what years of their preparatory course?
33. State the custom of each of the other Fraternities in your college, in each of these respects.
34. Do your members occupy dormitories, or a Chapter house, or do they room in private houses, in boarding houses, or hotels?

I. OTHER FRATERNITIES.

35. Describe briefly your relations with each of the other Fraternities in your college.
36. Have any of the other Fraternities Chapter houses? If so, describe briefly, and state whether owned by them or not?
37. Rank all the Fraternities in the college, *including your own Chapter*, in each of the following particulars, naming them in order, beginning with the highest.
 - (a) Number of members.
 - (b) Scholarship.
 - (c) Literary, society, and oratorical work.
 - (d) College politics, including class officers, editorships, and the like.
 - (e) Social standing and influence.
 - (f) Athletics.
 - (g) Habits and moral standing.
 - (h) In any other respect that you may consider important.

J. ALUMNI.

38. Name any resident Alumni who ever attended your meetings or give encouragement to the Chapter, mentioning especially any loyal Betas in your Faculty.
39. Name, *with address*, any of the non-resident Alumni of your Chapter from whom you hear frequently or who visit you frequently.

K. OTHER CHAPTERS AND THE FRATERNITY IN GENERAL.

40. Have your members a personal acquaintance with the members of any of the neighboring Chapters. If so, what ones?
41. Name any Chapter in your district that in your Chapter's opinion ought to be abolished.
42. Name any colleges in your district where your Chapter would be glad to see a Chapter of Beta Theta Pi established.

43. Was your Chapter represented at the Convention of '85? '84? '83? '82?
44. Will you be represented at the Convention of '86?
45. Give name and *home address* of all your regular delegates to the Convention of '86, and of any other members likely to be present.

I have received no report from Harvard and Columbia.

I will merely call your attention to a few of the most important and interesting deductions which one may make from this table.

The Chapters all hold regular meetings except University of Virginia and Cumberland.

The times and days of holding meetings will be found convenient for officers and others when visiting Chapters.

The answers in regard to meeting in Chapter halls or in private rooms may be useful material in discussing those problems.

The following Chapters have no catalogue:

University of Virginia and Kenyon.

The following Chapters have no ritual:

University of Virginia.

The following keep no file of the magazine:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Union, | 11. Cumberland, |
| 2. Madison, | 12. University of Mississippi, |
| 3. Washington and Jefferson, | 13. Vanderbilt, |
| 4. Univ'ty of Pennsylvania, | 14. Wittenberg, |
| 5. Johns Hopkins, | 15. University of Wooster, |
| 6. Hampden Sidney, | 16. Ohio State, |
| 7. Randolph Mason, | 17. University of Wisconsin, |
| 8. University of Virginia, | 18. University of Kansas. |
| 9. Bethany, | 19. Indiana, |
| 10. Centre, | 20. Wabash. |

The following keep no permanent record of Chapter meetings:

Dickinson (incomplete), University of Virginia, Cumberland, Washington and Jefferson.

It is certainly a disgrace that any Chapter should be without a catalogue, without a ritual, without a file of the magazine, or without a record of its life. I sincerely hope that at the end of next year no Chapter will be without these four important

things. How a Chapter can exist without them — to say nothing of flourishing — is hard to understand.

Some Chapters are very careless in regard to keeping their correspondence and their reports. This is a matter that can at small expense in each case be improved and with results of great value.

There are reported 589 active members, an average of 12 to each Chapter. The number for last year was 687 and the average was 15.3.

The only Chapters which differ greatly from their size of last year are Hampden-Sidney 11 less, Cumberland 10 less, and several with a difference of 5 or 6. The reasons are these: In the case of Hampden-Sidney and Cumberland, the lack of fraternity material and strong competition. In the other cases reasons given have been, lack of material, loss of men by graduation, and dropping out for various causes, and failure in "rushing" from lack of strength at the beginning of the year.

While in general the condition of the Chapters is harmonious, it is still true that too many expulsions occur in the course of a year, — and in some cases, I have reason to believe, without sufficient cause and without the proper attempt to settle the trouble otherwise. These expulsions, often so evil in their effects, point with emphatic warning to the neglect of proper care in the selection of members. This is a point that can not be too much or too often emphasized.

The total number initiated during the year is 182, compared with 248 of last year. The average for each Chapter this year is about 4, and last year was 5.5.

The number of preparatory students in the fraternity last year was 24. This year there are 7. The following Chapters still initiate preparatory students: Ohio University (occasionally), University of Kansas, Washington and Jefferson, Wabash, and Indiana University.

The twenty-third and twenty-fourth questions are these:

23. Are candidates for membership formally balloted on in Chapter meeting before invited?

24. Is personal acquaintance with the candidates on the part of each member required before "spiking?"

I believe that both of these rules should be inflexibly adhered to by every Chapter, and that looseness in these respects explains to a large extent the fatal lack of harmony which makes trouble so often.

The ritual question is still a field for the genius of some Beta.

I hope that the material which has been thus collected will be useful to future historians, to the editors of coming catalogues and manuals; and certainly one who undertakes a catalogue or a manual such as we have had this last year, ought to be encouraged and assisted by every Corresponding Secretary and every member by every possible means. If some of the Corresponding Secretaries who have returned the blanks, declaring it impossible to answer some of these questions, could see the pains taken by some of their brethren, I imagine they would reconsider their declaration. This report has collected a mass of information which I believe will be found reliable and in many ways useful.

There is a great deal of loose, reckless talk in the fraternity about extension and especially about withdrawing charters. Much of it is apparently indulged in without any full or accurate knowledge of the facts. My purpose in this was, among other things, to supply that information to any Beta who will take the pains to read and digest the material furnished,—so far as it can be supplied without careful personal examination on the ground.

The Alumni Secretary will make a report concerning the Alumni Chapters. I would only say that when asked not long ago to furnish a list of our Alumni Chapters for publication, I found it a hard problem to answer. I believe I finally settled it by giving the names of all cities where, within my remembrance, Alumni Chapters have ever existed. The respect for scientific accuracy might in this case be said to have become "merged" in spread-eagle loyalty, which impels every Greek to blow his own frat. horn.

The work of the College Secretary has been faithfully executed this year by the brother appointed, Wilby G. Hyde, of the Ohio State University Chapter, who has succeeded in keeping up the roll to date with remarkable success.

GRANTING CHARTERS.

I should like to make a suggestion in regard to the methods of granting charters.

An examination of the work of the last few Conventions will, I think, convince anyone that it is at least a question whether the present plan is the best.

The average history of the ordinary petition which comes to a Convention has been about as follows :

The petitioners, after tedious correspondence with the General Secretary and elaborate instructions from that officer, finally secure the endorsement of the nearest three Chapters, and *late in May* send petition, etc., to the General Secretary.

That officer bestirs himself to announce to the Chapters the coming petition from the Grand University Wayback, and the Chapters get the notices along in June during examination time. The Corresponding Secretary perhaps reports it to the Chapter in its last meeting and they—are as well prepared to decide the important question as a new-born babe,—perhaps better.

Then the Chapter does one of three things :

1. Instructs its delegates "Yes."
2. Instructs its delegates "No."
3. Leaves them uninstructed.

The "Yes" instruction is usually the result of what might be called district interest in the proposed Chapter.

The "No" instruction comes from those Chapters which,—knowing no more about the facts than any other Chapter—yet have a stronger sense of their responsibility for the maintaining of Beta Theta Pi's high standing resting on them, and are determined to "let in no more," as the delegate has been known to express it.

The uninstructed delegate, however, is the usual kind.

At the Convention the committee recommends most of the petitions.

The Convention is likely to grant them all if some enthusiastic and prominent alumnus makes an eloquent and witty appeal in each case, unless some other prominent alumnus makes a speech with a doubt in it, or a slur in it, or an inferred slander in it, and then some other delegate sitting next the

last-named alumnus, or having "done the city" with him, votes "No," which kills the petition, the requisite three-fourths not being present.

This picture, while not a portrait, will, I believe, present to old Convention-goers features of extreme naturalness.

The almost instinctive shifting of responsibility from the uninformed Convention to the Chapters, where it ought to rest, — which we saw last summer, and which raised so much discussion — ought to be an object lesson to this Convention.

There is little danger that thirty-five Chapters will vote for a petition sent to them unless it is worthy their votes.

There is much danger that all delegates present at some Convention may grant some petition which ought not to be granted.

There is less danger that a really first-class petition will be rejected by thirteen Chapters than that a first-class petition may be stifled by some reckless speech at a Convention.

A petition sent to the Chapters with all its accompanying information may be examined and carefully studied by the Chapters at their leisure, with all the elements of the Chapter discussing it pro and con, with the opinions of other Chapters and well-informed alumni appended, and there is less danger of mistakes.

I earnestly call the attention of the Convention to this, as I believe, much-needed reform.

No charter should be granted without a full and careful investigation of the claims presented by the petitioners.

A Convention has not time for full and careful investigation of the claims presented by petitioners.

Ergo — but I leave the ergo to the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence and to the Convention, which, I hope, will not be too much absorbed in transportation fund, in Chapter killing, and in the Cincinnati hill-tops to consider this serious question thoughtfully.

A trip to Europe has made it impossible for me to be present at the Convention or to read this report.

I have placed it in the hands of the Secretary of the Board, with full directions in regard to the papers of the office.

I wish to express my appreciation of the intelligent and zealous co-operation of the Chiefs for this year, as well as the kindly assistance of the officers and other Betas.

It is with pleasure that I make an addition. Since writing the first part of this report the Miami Chapter, "Old Alpha" has awakened. In 1870 Miami University was closed. In 1885 it was reopened. Though during these intervening years our Chapter was practically dead, yet fortunately its charter was never withdrawn. Alpha was sleeping, but has arisen from its "Rip Van Winkle slumber," and now surely lives.

Fraternally yours,

J. CAL HANNA.

EXHIBIT C.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

I.—CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE.

Eugene Wambaugh, Chairman,	E. P. Pollard,	R. S. Thompson,
W. E. Bryce,	R. S. Maison,	D. H. Bloom,
G. F. Saal,	E. A. Clark,	W. G. Hyde.

II.—FINANCE AND CORPORATION.

J. B. Ellis, Chairman,	C. N. Zeublin,	D. L. Moore.
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III.—CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

Edgar Goodman, Chairman,		
K. C. Radliff,	S. S. Cook,	F. M. Welsh,
W. F. Boyd,	R. L. Simpson,	W. H. Crawshaw.

IV.—NECROLOGY.

W. B. Hanna, Chairman,	E. M. Benedict,	E. G. Coldeway.
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V.—NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

J. R. Montgomery, Chairman,	E. P. Pollard,	J. E. Abrams,
J. L. Coker,	Clarence Mathews,	C. R. Wooden,
R. S. Maison,	D. F. Conrad,	R. L. Simpson.

VI.—ORATOR AND POET.

J. H. McKenzie, Chairman,	E. B. Pollard,	L. B. Lee,
A. J. Dillingham,	J. B. Robertson,	H. C. Devin,
Edgar Goodman,	E. L. Shannon,	R. L. Simpson.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS.

	Homer Gard, Chairman,	
C. A. Hall,	C. H. Hepburn,	E. O. Weaver,
H. H. Wiegand,	H. L. Briggs,	R. L. Simpson.

EXHIBIT D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Your committee to which was referred the determination of the time and place for the next meeting begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee was unable to agree upon any one place. Washington, Philadelphia, Wooglin, and Madison (Wis.), were discussed and, no decision being reached, it was thought best to submit in brief the different plans.

1. Washington.—It was argued that the place itself is an attractive one, that we have an Alumni Chapter there, and that it is convenient for both Eastern and Southern Chapters.

2. Much the same arguments were advanced for Philadelphia, although they were not pressed.

3. Wooglin.—This would be a convenient place for the Eastern Chapters. Reduced rates can be secured on the railroads. The board, also, will be inexpensive. Wooglin seems to be the choice of the alumni.

4. Madison.—The place is a very attractive one. Reduced rates can be secured at hotels and on railroads. There is an active Chapter there, and the alumni will do much for the Convention.

We therefore leave the matter for the Convention to decide.

The time recommended, should the place be Wooglin, is July 20, 21, and 22. If any other place, August 24, 25, and 26.

JOHN R. MONTGOMERY,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE.

I

We have considered the difficulties regarding the discussion of petitions for charters, as suggested in the General Secretary's Report. We recommend that the Constitution and the laws be not changed as to this matter. When petitions are sent directly to the Chapters, the danger is that the Chapters will have before them nothing but the *naturally* biased statement of the petitioners and of others friendly to the petition; and for that reason, among others, we recommend that the Constitution as it now stands be carefully observed both in letter and in spirit, and, therefore, that as an almost invariable rule, the petitions should be retained for action by Convention, and that only in cases considered by the General Secretary and the Board of Directors to be very extraordinary should petitions be sent directly to the Chapters. As an aid to the Chapters, we recommend that the General Secretary, when possible, send to the Chapters full information regarding college and petitioners at the same time when he makes the announcement of petitions, as required by the Constitution; but we do not think that legislation is necessary upon this point.

II.

We find that _____, * a person not a student, has been elected and initiated by the Bethany Chapter. The Constitution of 1879 and the laws adopted in 1881 make such a person ineligible. We therefore report that this gentleman is not a member of the fraternity and that his name should be erased from the roll, if it has been enrolled. As the law upon this point is clear, and as the Bethany Chapter was by the Convention of 1883 censured for a precisely similar breach of the Constitution and the laws, we recommend that the Bethany Chapter receive the severest censure of this Convention.

*See note on page 7.

III.

We recommend that Section 25 of the laws be amended to read as follows :

SECTION 25. Upon the return of service of such charges as in the last section specified, the Chapter shall fix a time for the trial thereof, of which the accused shall be notified in writing, and his acknowledgment of the receipt of such notification be had from him.

IV.

We recommend that Section 14 of the laws be so amended as to read as follows :

SECTION 14. The Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter shall annually prepare and send to the alumni members of the Chapter and to each of the sister Chapters a circular letter describing the general condition and prospects of the Chapter. The Chapters shall not send these letters simultaneously ; but each Chapter shall send its letter at a time to be fixed by the General Secretary.

EUGENE WAMBAUGH,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT F.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS
AND CHARTERS.**

Your Committee on Chapters and Charters begs leave to submit the following report :

I.

Your Committee recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, a charter be granted to the Chapter instituted at the Ohio State University, naming said Chapter the Ohio State University Chapter, the Theta Delta of Beta Theta Pi.

II.

Your Committee also recommends that the Chapter instituted at the University of Texas be chartered under the name of the University of Texas Chapter, the Beta Omicron.

III.

Your Committee also recommends that the Convention request the Board of Directors to continue the special dispensation granted to the Northwestern Chapter to initiate students at Denver University.

IV.

Your Committee also recommends that the Chapters at _____, * _____, * _____, * and _____ * be required to show cause to the next Convention why their charters should not be forfeited.

EDGAR GOODMAN,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORATOR AND POET.

Your Committee on Orator and Poet makes the following nominations for these positions:

For Orator of the Forty-eighth Convention — Gen. James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, (Washington and Jefferson).

Alternate — Judge Shepard Barclay, of Missouri, (University of Virginia).

For Poet — L. R. Hamberlin, Mobile, Ala., (Richmond).

Alternate — O. C. Hooper, Columbus, O., (Denison).

For Banquet Poem — J. Hogarth Lozier, of Iowa, (DePauw).

J. H. McKENZIE,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT H.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

CINCINNATI, August 26, 1886.

To the Honorable Convention of Beta Theta Pi:

I beg leave to report the following receipts and expenditures of the fraternity for the past year, 1885-86.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand last report.....	\$	346 12
Received from Chapters during year.....		454 00 — 800 12

* See note on page 7.

Carried over	800 12	
Received from Chapters on account of Transportation Fund	200 00	
Total receipts.....		\$1,000 12

EXPENDITURES.

For printing during year, as per vouchers.....	\$ 118 30 .	
For General Secretary, expenses as per vouchers..	183 87 .	
For General Treasurer, as per vouchers.....	10 00 .	
For W. H. January's Note Song Book, account ordered paid by Board of Directors.....	178 75	
For Transportation Fund returned to Chapters...	200 00	
Balance of cash on hand.....	309 20	
		\$1,000 12

The following Chapters have not paid their annual dues, but the same has been guaranteed :

Union College, Cornell, Wabash College, Centre College (balance).

The following Chapters have not paid, nor are the accounts guaranteed :

Columbia, Rutgers, Washington and Jefferson, Hampden Sidney, Randolph Macon, University of Virginia, Cumberland.

JOHN I. COONINGTON,
General Treasurer.

EXHIBIT J.**HISTORIOGRAPHER'S REPORT.**

NEW YORK, August 19, 1886.

To the Honorable Convention of Beta Theta Pi:

DEAR BROTHERS—Upon receipt of the notice that I had been elected to the office of Historiographer of the Fraternity by the Convention of 1885, I endeavored to ascertain what were the duties and authority of the office. I find that, officially, this officer has none, and so I have to report "no progress." I would most respectfully suggest that such legislation be enacted by your honorable body that the position, duties and authority of the Historiographer shall be adequately defined, and more especially that such an officer should be made the custodian of

all the written records of the order not in the possession of active Chapters, and should have authority to examine any Chapter records and papers that he may find necessary.

No history of Beta Theta Pi can be written unless materials are collected and the effort which I made three or four years ago to bring order out of chaos and replace fable by fact, and the benefit of which the Fraternity has in a series of articles published in the *Beta Theta Pi*, convinced me that patient and continuous correspondence must be the principal source of information; and I would further suggest that your Convention make an appropriation of not less than \$50 to defray the expense of at least beginning this work, and I hope that next year will see something accomplished.

Sincerely and fraternally yours, in _____ and _____

WM. RAIMOND BAIRD.

EXHIBIT K.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS.

I.—PREPARATORY STUDENTS.

Your committee, having duly considered the resolution submitted by Brother R. S. Thomson, of Wabash, in regard to the initiation of preparatory students, finds that their initiation is a detriment to the Chapter and the Fraternity at large, and should be discouraged in the manner indicated in Brother Thomson's resolution.

II.—HISTORIOGRAPHER.

Your committee recommends that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated by the convention for defraying the immediate expenses of the Historiographer; and that W. R. Baird be the Historiographer for the ensuing year.

III. — THE MAGAZINE.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the motion to transfer the *Magazine* from Cincinnati to New York be adopted.

2. That the editorial staff be composed of William R. Baird, Richard Lee Fearn, Paul Wilcox, and such others as they may decide upon.

3. That any profit that may accrue from the publication go to the editors as a compensation for their labors, and any deficit that may arise shall be paid from the general fund of the Fraternity.

HOMER GARD,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT L.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CORPORATION.

The Committee on Finance and Corporation beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the General Treasurer and find them to be correct.

We would make the following suggestion as to business connected with the General Treasurer's department, namely, that Chapters should be urged to make collections of dues immediately upon receipt of notice from the General Treasurer and to remit the same without delay, using the blanks furnished for that purpose.

We would also suggest that the Convention take action in reference to the non-payment of dues by the Chapters.

We recommend that no Chapter have the right to vote upon any question presented to the Fraternity for consideration until the dues of the fiscal year be liquidated.

DICKSON L. MOORE,

For the Committee.

EXHIBIT M.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCES OF SONG BOOK.

To the Honorable the Forty-seventh Convention of the Beta Theta Pi:

The Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of _____ * would report that we do not wish to charge any intentional wrong on the part of Mr. _____, * yet his neglect of duty and of business principles has been so marked that we must report that, unless he purge himself to the Board of Directors during the coming year, we recommend that his name be stricken from the rolls of the Fraternity.

JOHN I. COVINGTON,

A. C. WHITAKER,

ROBT. S. MAISON.

*See note on page 7.





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PERSEPHONE.

O, comes there never a dream to thee
Of the lilies ablow in Sicily's dale,
O maid, in thy home where sad shadows be ?

The Tritons still plunge in the bright, broad sea,
The Nereids dance on the wet sands pale,
O comes there never a dream to thee ?

Ne'er hearest the hum of the gold-girt bee
As he rifles the buds in the sun-kissed vale,
O maid, in thy home where sad shadows be ?

Still the nightingale sings in the myrtle tree,
And Enna is loud with her musical wail,
O comes there never a dream to thee ?

The fleet footed nymphs from the fierce fauns flee ;
Cans't hear the fall of their fair feet frail,
O maid, in thy home where sad shadows be ?

The river gods laugh with their old-time glee,
And the pipings of Pan the shepherds regale ;
But comes there never a dream to thee,
O maid, in thy home where dark shadows be ?

Dabney Marshall.

REVIVAL OF MIAMI CHAPTER.

Miami chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi, was revived at Oxford, O., on June 22nd, 1886. The event has interest for the whole fraternity, since this, our mother chapter, has been inactive for twelve years—during the time that Miami University has been closed. The first steps towards re-establishment were taken by the writer, who went from Wooster chapter to Miami as a student, in September, 1885, and immediately began, in deference to the general desire and direct demands of the fraternity, to procure candidates suitable for the re-building of "Old Alpha." This preliminary work was done slowly and with caution.

The urgings of enthusiastic men who were for an immediate initiation were not yielded to, but the advice of the more prudent was accepted and acted upon, and the day designated for the initiation was the very last of the session. That this plan was the wiser one to pursue subsequent events made certain. For one entire college year the pledged men were constantly thrown together and made to thoroughly know and understand each other. That congeniality must be the corner-stone of all successful chapters, experience and competent Betas have often declared. The builders of the new Miami chapter accepted this as an axiom, and if there is anything above another for which these new initiates are marked, it is that they move together as one body in perfect accord.

The widely extended invitation to "Old Alpha's" fete day was not as extensively honored as might have been desired, but no numbers could have added to the dignity of the assemblage. "Pater" John Riley Knox, who in '39 stood at the head of that little band in the log cabin and directed the first steps of the young fraternity, was there, nearly half a century after his first fruitful effort, and assisted his much-loved chapter on its second and, we believe, its uninterrupted course. Hon. John W. Herron, president of the fraternity, never more enthusiastic over its welfare than now, keenly enjoyed the revival of the chapter he had guided so many years before, and actively seconded younger

members in the business of initiation. Dr. Andrew D. Hepburn, of the Miami faculty, who sustained one of Beta Theta Pi's chapters in his youth and has ever since been truly loyal to the order, brought his cheerful aid to the proceedings. Brother Charles M. Hepburn came from Cincinnati, and Brother B. A. Williams from Oxford, and were well schooled in the arts of modern Greeks, to which the initiates will doubtless bear particular witness. A complete and beautiful set of paraphernalia, specially made for Alpha, added largely to the success of the exercises. After all the barbarians were converted into good Greeks a Dorg was sacrificed in true hellenic fashion. He was a large, healthy canine and the dismemberment of his various parts was attended with great merriment. Beta stories as old as the Fathers were told over again; the old songs and the new were sung; the old grip and the new exchanged, and such a time was had as only can be had when brethren, different in ages by a generation or more but quite equal in enthusiasm, gather round the mystic shrine to pay homage to "Old Wooglin."

The charter of Alpha never having been revoked, there were no delays other than to gain the consent of the Board, which was promptly and heartily granted.

The chapter as constituted is as follows: J. Newton Brown, '89 (initiated at Wooster), Cincinnati; Ed. H. Greer, '89, Oxford, O.; Walter G. Shannon, '90, Columbus, O.; Holway B. Smith, '90, Crown Hill, W. Va.; Shaler Berry, '90, Newport, Ky.; James C. Mount, '90, Connersville, Ind.; Louis E. Orr, '91, Piqua, O.

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THE CONVENTION.

Four years had passed since the last annual convention of the Beta Theta Pi had assembled by the banks of La Belle Riviere, and again was it the dutiful privilege of the delegates and alumni, in 1886, to come together, in regular session, at the headquarters of the fraternity in Cincinnati. The date of this Forty-seventh Convention was set for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27, and the time was extensively heralded by a shower of handsomely-engraved invitations, embellished with the insignia of the order and fashioned in the form of several large, heavy cards fastened together at one corner by pink and blue ribbon, which were spread broadcast among the brethren and their friends, bidding the former both to business and pleasure and the latter to the lighter entertainment only. Business sessions were set for the forenoon and afternoon of each day, excepting the afternoon of Friday, and in the evening special social festivities were announced as a diversion from the important and more absorbing occupations of the day-time. The entire programme of the session was carefully considered and matured in advance, and its arrangements were effectively carried out by the appointment of select committees from among the fraternity officers and resident alumni. There were eleven committees organized, under the following heads : Executive, Hotels and Banquet, Finance, Toasts, Entertainment, Music, Decoration, Escort, Public Performance, Reception, and Press, comprising from three to fourteen members each. Among these are included a number of the most prominent and influential citizens of the Queen City, almost all of whom—as may be learned from their personal record, more fully set forth in the details of the minutes of the Convention—are not passive and inert in their fraternity attachment, but are active and efficient workers in the cause. In all they number about seventy gentlemen, several of whom are residents of the neighboring Kentucky cities of Covington and Newport.

The headquarters of the Convention were established at the Burnet House, whose convenient location and handsome late

refittings and refurnishings insured a comfortable and artistic environment. On the morning of the day set for meeting, the active alumni gathered in the lobby of the hotel to meet the arriving delegates, who strayed in by couples and groups from the city mazes, in which their badges had been often seen for a day or two previous, or who came direct from their journeyings, begrimed and wearied by travel. The old convention-goer on arrival at once cast his eye about confidently in search of former acquaintances and annual chums, whom he would meet and greet on sight with fraternal and personal hilarity; while the neophyte would look about timidly for the familiar badge, the wearer of which he could trustfully approach, or would linger modestly with his "grip" in his hand until some member of the reception committee would kindly seek him out and extending him a grip of another sort, hearty and friendly, ask his name and chapter. But soon the scattered groups grow into a throng and the light chatter into a noisy buzz of conversation, until at last the informal meeting and greeting were dissolved by an imperative summons to the convention room. By the courtesy of the members of the order of The Loyal Legion in Cincinnati, the fraternity was extended the use of their special parlor and assembly room in a wing of the Burnet House, where every comfort and convenience for the transaction of business was afforded. The apartment is of considerable size, well lighted and arranged, and handsomely furnished, with officer's desk, secretary's tables, and capacious round-armed chairs for the mass of the members. Its proximity to the dining-room corridor was also a feature of its situation that was not wholly unappreciated by college boys in rugged health. The room had also been handsomely decorated under the charge of the committee and their assistants, and from day to day the Convention was made the appreciative recipient of favors of flowers from lady friends of its members.

The Convention was called to order by John I. Covington, Miami, '70, in the absence of General Secretary Hanna, who was spending his vacation abroad. Major J. M. Goodspeed, of the Ohio University Chapter, '72, was elected temporary chairman, and on assuming the position, gave a few words of thanks and welcome to the delegates. Prayer was offered by F. M. Welsh,

of the Dickinson Chapter. Eugene Wambaugh, of the Ohio Wesleyan and Harvard chapters, was elected temporary secretary. A committee on permanent organization was appointed, and while its members retired to gather themselves together to produce a report, the Convention took a liberal recess, during which interval the crowd warmed itself up under the lead of Brother Covington by singing "Nostra Insignia," "The Jolly Greeks," "The Beta Grip," "There's a Scene," "Parting Song," "Beta Mar-seillaise," "Old Wooglin Forever," and formed the mystic circle. The absent committee presently returned, having evolved the following report, which was accepted and confirmed by the convention: President, Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82; Vice-Presidents: Joe B. Ellis, Vanderbilt, '85; Chas. M. Hepburn, University of Virginia, '80, and Robert S. Maison, University of Pennsylvania, '87. Secretary and assistants, Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, and Harvard '80; Geo. C. Cox, Kenyon, '86, and L. H. McKenzie, Boston, '84. Marshall, W. F. Pfau, Cornell, '78, and assistant, J. R. Montgomery, Beloit, '87. Brother Joyce was escorted to the chair by S. G. Williams, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, accepting the presiding honor conferred on him in a neat little speech in which his characteristic modesty and his sharp business force were made luminous. And, without further formality, the convention and its officers settled down to the routine of the three days' business before it, which was its purpose of assembling. The chairman was quick and clear in his decisions, and most of the other officials and the leading workers on committees had attended previous conventions and were familiar with the manner of proceeding and the character of the work to be done; so that, although the amount of business transacted was large and important, there was no delay or hitch in pushing things through to settlement. The greater part of the business of any convention is merely an intelligent sanction of the acts of the fraternity officials, or classification and confirmation of reports; but occasionally subjects are presented for decision that excite partisan feeling and produce acrimonious debate. The present convention was happily free, however, from any motive for agitation or serious discord, and performed its duties and privileges in a serene and harmonious fashion.

On the evening of the first day, Wednesday, the public reception to the guests and friends of the fraternity was given in the hotel parlors, and attended by a crowd numbering between three and four hundred, according to the generally accepted precept of the preliminary alumnial circular: "You are urged not only to be present, but are also requested to invite your friends, both gentlemen and ladies, and especially young ladies. *Ergo*: Select from your circle of acquaintances a number of the choicest spirits, and from the young ladies those whose handsome faces, cultured minds and agreeable dispositions will impress the susceptible hearts of our brother visitors with the fact that Cincinnati is, as to the beauty of her women, a Troy; as to their culture, an Athens; as to their refinement, a Corinth. Q. E. D." The following extracts from the society columns of the city papers will serve to give a fuller and more fluent account of the affair from a social view:

The most worshipful society of the Beta Theta Pi held its annual reception last evening at the Burnet House, and a very brilliant affair it was indeed. The handsome suite of parlors was charmingly arranged for the occasion and gaily decorated in the delicate colors of the fraternity. The lace window-draperies were all a-flutter with waving ribbons, and portieres of nun's veiling floated like rosy clouds between the long drawing-rooms. The gentlemen generally wore their society-pins, and on every coat-lapel and corsage was a ribbon love-knot in the Beta colors, emblems of hope and love.

In the broad entresol was massed a profusion of foliage plants, and here was stationed the orchestra. Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, president of the reception committee, and Hon. John W. Herron, president of the fraternity, greeted the guests at the main entrance on their arrival, and gave them welcome with that fine blending of courtliness and cordiality that made each guest feel himself or herself to be an integral part of the occasion. Col. McClung, Gen. Heath, Rev. Dr. Joyce, Hon. G. W. Boyce, Rev. J. J. Hight, and Dr. Giles S. Mitchell were also conspicuous and polite members of the reception committee. Mr. John I. Covington and Mr. Charley Hepburn were airily effective among those who kept the social ball rolling gaily. Later in the evening a handsome collation was served in the dining-room, followed by dancing in the parlors to the strains of the melodious orchestra. A very delightful feature of the evening was the presence of an accomplished male quartette from the Wooster chapter and singing of popular college and fraternity songs to words suited to the occasion; and few were so remiss or indifferent as to fail to join in the chorus of praise:

"To our noble order, Beta Theta Pi,
Let us ever raise our voices high."

Among the selections sung was a special song of welcome written for the occasion by John I. Covington, a prominent Cincinnati alumni. About one hundred members of the fraternity from abroad were present. The ladies were in charming toilets, etc.—*Commercial Gazette*, August 26.

IT WAS NOT ALL GREEK | FOR THERE WERE MUSIC AND DANCING AND FLOWERS | *And bright dresses and pretty faces, besides a delicious collation.*—The reception last night.

Not since the historic Burnet House has been magically transformed to its present incomparable arrangement and magnificent proportions has there gathered within the superb reception-rooms and wide corridors an assembly so pleasing to look upon as that which was last night there by invitation of the local fraternity of the Beta Theta Pi. The reception to Modjeska was a handsome one, indeed, as also that given to Mary Anderson; but on these occasions the ladies were in winter toilets, while last evening the most exquisite and becoming of summer costumes seemed more fitting to be framed in by the green plants and to receive the varied rays of light from the crystal chandeliers; the daintiest of white dresses, set off to complete advantage by tiny light bonnets but brought out by way of contrast the delicate shades of light silks, the sheen of satins and the soft fall of laces.

The floral decorations were in the same good taste which have characterized them at these receptions; in fact, it would be difficult to make aught else than a bower of beauty in placing plants where their best disposition is so evidently suggested by the form of the rooms themselves. The orchestra, half-hidden among the broad leaves of the plants, discoursed music that set many a foot to pattering as though ready to start off into a waltz or a polka; yet when the quartet of fine voices raised the notes of one of those melodious and mirthful college songs, every one was attentive in enjoyment and enthusiastic in admiration.

When the stiffness of arrivals and introductions had melted, later in the evening, into friendly fraternizing and social festivities, the guests were marshalled for the grand march. The merry procession wound around through the halls and reception rooms until it ended at the tables in the ladies' ordinary, whence mine host, Mr. Zimmerman, had been seen coming with a satisfied smile, as though the preparations had been completed to his taste. They were to the taste of the guests who sat down to the full enjoyment of ices, cake and fruit. Yet not thereafter did the guests disperse, but there was dancing on the carpeted floors until a late hour. Below is given a list of the greater number of those who were present. In nearly every case the name of the gentleman also included the ladies of the family, and in almost every case gentlemen were accompanied by at least one lady. In many instances they escorted several, which gave to the reception that bright and brilliant appearance which only the presence of ladies in handsome summer costumes can give. To-night only the sombre habits of the gentlemen will be seen at the banquet.—*Daily Sun*, August 26.

On Thursday the business of the convention was resumed, with morning and afternoon sessions, during which the most important affairs before the assembly were mainly discussed and

passed upon. There was a full attendance, and great interest was shown.

In the evening of this day the banquet took place, in the large dining-room of the Burnet House. It was entirely a "stag" affair, following the precedent recently set of inviting our lady friends at conventions to a formal reception of a more miscellaneous social nature, as indicated by the preceding report. The banquet was participated in by over one hundred members, including many of our honored "silver-greys," who fittingly renewed their fraternal enthusiasm at the shrine of Wooglin and his "*Δύο*." A sumptuous *menu* was provided and was served in royal style under the direction of the distinguished caterer of the handsome hostlery, assisted by a full complement of accomplished attendants. The tables were arranged in the shape of our letter "Π," the presiding officer and notables occupying the head crossing table and the lesser luminaries being seated along the lower extensions. The "festal board" was artistically decorated with flowers, and at each guest's plate were placed a neat *boutonniere* and a pamphlet selection of our songs, containing both words and music. The feast was enlivened by the singing of a number of songs at every possible interval or opportunity, interspersed with choice selections rendered by the Wooglin Quartette from the Wooster chapter, whose favors were received with pleasure and enthusiasm. An amusing feature of the affair was the effort made at times, by various coteries in different sections of the room, to "sing each other down" by starting rival songs, which were carried on with vociferous vigor by the different parties. In this "part-singing" the organized force of the quartette gave its section a decided partisan advantage.

The presiding officer of the evening was Dr. Thad A. Reamy, who, handsome, stalwart and well-voiced, as well as witty and fluent, proved himself to be a most excellent toast-master. The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Cranston, after which the *menu* was discussed with appreciative heartiness. Following the epicurean entertainment came the toasts, which were uniformly of a high order, full of good humor and sparkling wit that pleased and delighted the banqueters. The first of those who responded was Col. A. S. Berry, Miami, '58, of Newport, Ky., a whole-souled

Beta, whose enthusiasm was as immense as his own massive frame. His subject was: "Beta Theta Pi—The Whole Land Has Been Given Us for an Inheritance." His exposition of our claims was eloquent in expression and pointed in sentiment. His introduction was in Dr. Reamy's happiest vein. He was followed by Edgar Goodman, '80, of Johns Hopkins University; subject: "Our Fraternity in the East." He did not discourage us, and pointed to the fine record of his *alma mater* chapter and others. Ralph K. Jones, '86, late of Maine State chapter, then feelingly responded to the toast of "Chapter Life—'There's a Scene When Brothers Meet.'" "College Greeks—Betas in College," was next responded to by H. L. Briggs, '85, of Centre chapter. He spoke on the growing Pan-hellenic spirit of all college fraternities.

The next response was made by Hon. John W. Herron, president of the fraternity, on the subject: "Alpha Chapter—Not Dead but Sleeping; *not Sleeping, but Awake!*" The sentiment and speaker brought forth prolonged applause. He referred touchingly to Miami as the birth-place of the fraternity, and suggested, as a fitting celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, that the convention should meet there in 1889. The revived chapter starts off on its renewed career under the most favorable auspices. "The Alumni—Beta Work and Influence Out of College," was the response accorded John L. Moore, Wittenberg, '86, and was an exposition of what true Betaism is. "The Babies—A Beta Child Has Been Born Unto You," by Harry C. Devine, Kenyon, '88, was a graphic picture of babyhood trials and tribulations. The toast of "The Ladies—'Yes, and Beta Girls There Are, Pure and Lovely, Passing Fair,'" was charmingly responded to by W. H. Crawshaw, Madison, '87, whose talk indicated that he was no indifferent stranger to the attractive subject. Edward B. Pollard, Richmond, '86, then feelingly responded to the subject: "Our Departed—Their Chairs Are Vacant, But They Are With Us In Spirit." Rev. Dr. Cranston, Ohio University, '61, then closed the formal programme in response to the toast of "The Next Convention," where we hope he will not fail to be present and assure the perfect realization of his sanguine hopes and glowing wishes. The evening's exercises concluded with a series of rousing chapter

songs and selections by the Quartette, followed by a stirring "walk-around" march and song, and closing with the formation of the "mystic circle" and the singing of the Beta doxology. Thus ended a keenly enjoyable occasion.

The forenoon of Friday, the last day, was devoted to clearing up the business of the convention, which was actively and successfully accomplished. Immediately after dinner all delegates and visitors prepared for the closing entertainment of the session, in the shape of a river excursion, which had been provided for their delectation. It was a fitting local climax to the brilliant and enjoyable convention proceedings. The details and incidents of the excursion are freshly pictured in the two extracts we make from the newspaper reports of the affair.

THE END CROWNS ALL | A Merry Day on the River.—THE steamboat excursion up the river yesterday, arranged by the Entertainment Committee in honor of the Beta Theta Pi men, was a complete success. The "Charles Morgan," crowded with the college men and their friends, left her moorings at the foot of Sycamore street by 2.30, and was back again at her pier at sharp six, a necessary arrangement, as many of the visitors were booked for the several night express trains on the various railroads. The day was perfect, barring the almost tropical heat, and the occasion was one of unmitigated enjoyment. A run up the river as far as Coney Island was made, and a landing was effected on the Kentucky shore. A large number of the company went ashore, and forming a picturesque group, with the hills of Old Kentucky for a background, the inevitable photograph was taken. Various smaller groups were taken by amateurs on board.

The nose of the "Charles Morgan" was turned homeward at five o'clock, and a brisk run was made as far down as the Southern Railroad Bridge, and thence back to the landing. The home run was enlivened by some capital singing by the Wooglin Quartette, of Wooster University—Messrs. George A. Shives, of Wooster, Dickinson L. Moore, of Dayton, Frank W. Burgoyne, of Cincinnati, and Arthur B. Dunlap, of Greenfield, forming the quartette. A serenade, "Sweet Be Thy Slumber," and "Farewell—I Go, True Love," an exquisite part song, were sung with fine expression, and not to speak of the rollicking college songs, in which everybody present who could make a joyful noise joined more or less successfully. Just before the gang-plank swung out the Betas all joined in the long saloon of the boat, and there formed a circle, the matrons and maids within, the men clasping hands in true Beta grip, and circling around them sang the Lang Syne of their order.

"And now let hand grip into hand,
And eye look into eye,
As breaks the leal and loving band
Of Beta Theta Pi."

The doxology, a special hand-grasp here and there among fast friends, and then the rush ashore of the three hundred guests, the Betas to meet next year at Chautauqua at the Alumni club-house. The resident members have all been untiring in their efforts to make the re-union a success. The special committee in charge of the excursion was the Entertainment Committee, as follows: Hon. A. S. Berry, Major G. B. Fox, R. T. Durrell, E. W. Runyan, M. P. Drury, S. C. Archibald, E. M. Benedict, H. M. Allen, E. Anderson, W. B. Roberts, L. V. Scarborough.—*Commercial Gazette*, August 28.

THE SERIES of receptions given by the local fraternity of the Beta Theta Pi to the visiting delegates to the convention and their friends in and near Cincinnati had a pleasant culmination yesterday afternoon. Any one idling away the heated hours from one to two o'clock down on Water street must have noticed the groups that walked the new stone crossings down Sycamore street. The ladies were dressed in holiday attire and carried the most varied and brilliant array of parasols and fans. The gentlemen had about them an air of responsibility and anticipation which showed how much to heart they had the wish that the guests would enjoy themselves. Where were they all going? To take a ride on the river aboard the beautiful steamer "Charles Morgan," which had been secured for the occasion. Under the direction of Capt. C. W. Thompson the steamer took a course up the Ohio beyond Coney Island. It would be difficult to find a crowd more imbued with the spirit of genialty and good will than were the passengers of the "Charles Morgan" yesterday. They seemed one and all either deep in the enjoyment of the reviving of old acquaintances or in cementing, before parting for another year, the friendship formed during the recent summer.

When Coney Island was reached a stop was made on the opposite Kentucky side of the river, and many left the deck and were photographed on shore and on the steamer. The return trip was delightful. The sun was not so powerful, and the topmost deck was very pleasant. The Newport Bridge was in sight when the sound of sweet voices, singing the jolliest of the Beta Theta Pi songs, drew every one to the lower deck, and there the great Wooglin Quartette was entertaining all the delighted passengers of the boat. Just before landing the cry was raised, "Form the circle," and into the long saloon the crowds poured, the ladies were placed in the centre, and the members of the fraternity, clasping hands in all manner of contortions of the arms and jolly swingings of the body, gave forth the mystic cry, "Hi! hi! hi! Beta Theta Pi!" It was given with a will that must have impressed every one with the hearty good fellowship of the fraternity, whatever other mystic ties may bind them. The invitations for the various entertainments of the fraternity were issued on one handsomely printed pamphlet, so that most of those who were at the first reception were yesterday on the "Charles Morgan," and united with the members of the local fraternity in wishing the visitors to the city a speedy return and a happy re-union next year.—*Daily Sun*, August 28.

The forty-seventh convention was a peculiarly enjoyable and successful assemblage. The business attendance was quite large for our over-grown and widely scattered society, thirty-seven

chapters being represented by delegates out of the formidable list of forty-eight chapters on the roll. The central location of Cincinnati for fraternity work and influence was thus again clearly established, without consideration of the additional fact that the bulk of our alumni reside in the adjoining middle section of states. Indeed, the wisdom of the continued choice of Cincinnati as the convenient and successful headquarters of the fraternity is fully confirmed. The alumni, too, bear the burden of entertaining the convention every four years in a liberal and enthusiastic spirit. Deserved thanks were gratefully paid them by the convention for the excellent arrangements made by them for its accommodation and comfort, and for the many courtesies and hospitalities extended to the delegates and visitors. Numerous personal invitations from private individuals and families were also received and enjoyed by various brethren, and among the public favors bestowed was a special note from the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce extending to the members of the convention the courtesies of that association. The members of the convention were also made the guests, upon invitation, of the University Club, during their session. The number of delegates and alumni registered on the book of the convention numbered about a hundred and fifty, and the business sessions from day to day were favored with the steady attendance of visiting brethren. The presence of one familiar and endeared countenance was absent, however—that of Major W. C. Ransom, so well known as a steady convention-goer and one of our most efficient and popular silver-greys. Letters of regret were received and read from various alumni, among them the following characteristic and forcible missive from Gen. R. W. Smith, of Chicago :

CHICAGO, August 25, 1886.

MY DEAR BROTHERN:—All hail! And again I say, all hail!! I cannot meet you; my flesh is weak, but my spirit goes out to you, bearing upon its wings of faith and love a brother's greeting and a brother's blessing. Greek fire burns within me when I realize that I cannot join with you in convention and take you by the hand and look into the faithful eyes of my brethren. May good feeling, unity and wisdom prevail in all your deliberations, to the end that our beloved fraternity may be made stronger, its benefits perpetuated, and the hearts of all our dear brotherhood be made glad. May "grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you" all is the earnest

prayer of one who has ever loved all who "bear the name and wear the badge of Beta Theta Pi."

My very kindest regards, with a brother's warmest greeting, to the members of the convention.

Ever faithfully in ————kai———,

R. W. SMITH.

The ring of the true metal!

Contrary to rule and precedent, there were no literary exercises at this convention. This omission does not wholly signify a decline in literary spirit in our fraternity—which (perish the thought!) ought never to be suspected — but resulted from circumstantial ill-fortune. The orator appointed for the occasion was ex-governor George Hoadly, who was spending his summer vacation in Alaskan seas for the benefit of his health, but was expected to return in time for the convention. He did not arrive home, however, until a week or two after the event. The poet elected was Chambers Baird, Jr., who, by reason of the pressure of family business and cares, consequent upon the protracted and critical illness of his father, was unable to find time or spirit to complete his poem; and the alternate, L. R. Hamberlin, did not receive his delayed notification until at too late a date to permit him to do justice to himself and his subject.

The question of choice of location for the next convention gave rise in the convention to some spirited debate and several places were actively urged by their respective partisans. Washington, Philadelphia, Madison, Wis., and Wooglin-on-Chautauqua were discussed, and after some futile votes on other places, Wooglin was finally chosen. The time will be July 20, 21 and 22. The place is convenient to chapters in both the East and the West, and also offers delightful entertainment for the vacation season in which our conventions are always held. Chautauqua Lake as a summer resort has many varying attractions of air, scenery and pleasuring, which have been fully proven to us by the success of the club-house and by the personal experience of many brethren. The orator elected is General James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania; alternate, Judge Shepherd Barclay, of Missouri. The poet is L. R. Hamberlin, Mobile, Ala.; alternate, Osman C. Hooper, Cincinnati, O. J. Hogarth Lozier, of Iowa, was also selected to deliver a banquet poem.

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EDITORIAL.

IN SOME respects the annals of the late convention are uninteresting, in that they contain no record of exciting questions or innovations. But if they are lacking in novelty they show no less that a full and careful regard was paid to the business and interests of the fraternity. Almost nothing new was done ; and on the perennial subject of granting and withdrawing charters, matters were seemingly left alone. A judicious spirit was shown, that will undoubtedly lead to more momentous and admirable results than partisan clamor in one direction or the other. It is well to have this clamor, however. It shows enthusiasm and foresight, which, if properly directed, may open up avenues of advance, and work to our progressive advantage. The two previous conventions have been somewhat noted for this insistent spirit, which in the last convention was subdued to its proper results. By this we mean that the convention recognized very clearly the proper means of disposing of certain matters of the gravest importance to our welfare as a fraternity, by referring them for decisive action to the recognized authorities for their final determination. We have an executive board, which, like all other similar instruments of management, moves slowly, and with mature caution. Quiet but effective, its power and discretion cannot be challenged, and to its care may safely be entrusted the satisfactory solution and direction of special affairs. Its members are conservative, naturally ; but they are not dullards or laggards, and have the interests of the fraternity safely and surely at heart, as their record and the future will certainly show.

SOME pointless discussion or sarcasm has been indulged in by certain parties as to the policy of our fraternity, which in some respects has been adjudged capricious and inconsistent. But no one need severely trouble himself on this score, if he will only judge events by their immediate springs of action. When reference is sharply made to the record of one convention as having shown a wild spirit of extension and "Herodism," and to another

as having reversed the former drift of feeling, the explanation, though somewhat intricate in detail, can always be given by those familiar with the circumstances that led to these opposite courses. Certain exaggerations, both of argument and fact, almost always enter into the actuating motives of the partisans of both sides of certain burning questions ; but even allowing for this, we must consider the effect of impressions by results. As a fraternity we are still in a progressive as well as a somewhat transitional state, and to this fact must be ascribed the fluctuation of measures often so seemingly discordant. There comes a year when three new chapters are established, as during 1885-'86 ; but there has rarely been a previous year when a similar increase might not easily have been duplicated. The simple reason of the present increase is that these were chapters which we desired, while in other cases, the inducements offered were not acceptable. If any one will take the trouble to sift the record of new chapters for the past few years he will clearly see that the advance has been in a desirable direction, and will understand that we do not pass a good thing when we know it. In the matter of withdrawal of chapters, some action to that effect will certainly also be made ; not by reason of unkind clamor, but because some chapters have been visited by unkind fate of circumstances.

THE minutes of the Cincinnati convention are well worth the careful study of every chapter. They contain the record of some very important items of fraternity legislation, which should be thoroughly understood by every member. Moreover, it was a thoroughly representative convention, and its records will be a good index to the sentiment of the fraternity upon some of our most important questions of policy. The fact that the convention was harmonious in its action, and that its most important legislation was passed with few or no dissenting voices, would seem to indicate that its transactions will meet with nearly unanimous approval. Such approval is, of course, absolutely essential to the true success of every law and of every project. Another element of strength in the convention was its conservatism. No radical changes were made ; and no inconsiderate steps were taken. Yet an examination of the minutes will show that much of the legislation

was inspired by a spirit of progress. The fact is that few matters were acted upon which had not previously been thoroughly discussed, and that the action taken was in line with the well ascertained sentiments of the fraternity at large. The minutes are in very compact and readable shape, thanks to the efforts of the able secretary of the convention; and no Beta has an excuse for neglecting a careful examination of their contents. The delegates should see to it that each chapter notices and understands every item of business recorded.

BEFORE another issue of the BETA THETA PI, the December semi-annuals will have appeared. Let the cor. secs. remember the action taken by the last convention in regard to these important documents; and let us have the best set of letters that has ever been sent forth. The convention directed that the semi-annuals should be of uniform size—5 x 8 inches, when folded—and that they should be printed with black ink upon white paper of good quality. This will make them neat in appearance and convenient for binding. The soul of the orderly cor. sec. will be rejoiced; and the chapters which desire to keep the semi-annuals for reference will be able to have them filed neatly and conveniently. The ingenious argument of a brother at the convention that the “three-cornered, pink and blue, gingerbread” style of letters should be tolerated, because they were an index to the character of the chapters from which they came, was very good as a bit of quiet satire; but the question arises whether it is not advisable to save such chapters from themselves—or, rather, from their cor. secs.

There are few who will not rejoice to see these gaudy and irregular “missiles” consigned to oblivion. They were a thorn in the flesh to all who loved neatness or possessed good taste. In order to a reform, it was necessary that some definite rule should be made which all could follow. We now have such a rule, authorized by a general convention. Its utility seems undeniable. Shall it be universally regarded? There seems no just reason for neglect of its provisions; and if there is (which we doubt) any cor. sec. so careless of the general convenience or his own æsthetic reputation as to refuse to comply with a rule so eminently

desirable, he should be promptly ostracised by his brethren. The writer has been a cor. sec., and knows the tribulations of that much abused official; and it is with a brotherly feeling that this appeal is made for a handsome and uniform set of semi-annuals. It may be too much to expect a first-class semi-annual of regulation style from every chapter in the Fraternity; but such an idea should not be impossible of attainment, and we hope to see a long stride taken toward it next December.

WHY should we not occasionally have a letter in the BETA THETA PI from one of our alumni chapters? As it is, we know little more of them than that such an organization exists in a certain city; and sometimes we are not at all sure even of that. If we could hear from some of them now and again, it might serve to give us a somewhat more vivid sense of their existence, and impress us with the fact that they are something more than mere names. To be sure, they have no thrilling tales of "spiking" campaigns to narrate, no glowing account of honors taken and rivals surpassed. But these are not the only things of interest to our readers. Indeed, we suspect that such a letter as might come from one of our "silver-greys" would be rather a relief from the sameness of the ordinary chapter letter, and might teach the younger "boys" a lesson. Then, too, it might stir up some other alumni chapter to show similar signs of life. Let the experiment be tried. Let us have a real live chapter letter from some of the alumni chapters which are neither dead nor dormant. It will do us all good. Who will be the first?

"To THIS complexion are we come at last;" referring to the change in form of THE BETA THETA PI from a monthly to a quarterly magazine. It must also be understood that by a "quarterly" we mean a "*four*-quarterly," for the term as now used by some worthy fraternity organs represents a magazine that comes out only three times a year. Only once before have we departed from the monthly form since our journal has been on a permanent and regular basis, and that was when we issued a bi-monthly of six numbers. But as the adoption of the large quarterly form has suggested some comment, we feel that it is only

fair to our subscribers and the fraternity to state briefly the chief reasons for the change :

Our old form, a typographical imitation of *The Century*, was a style capacious of type, money and matter, and to issue a monthly of any respectable apparent size represented a large contribution of all these materials. Volume XIII., last year, contained 322 pages, which far exceeded in number, as well as in quantity, any other fraternity journal, and Volume XII., 1883-84, nine numbers of 48 pages each, contained 432 pages, of even surpassing calibre. To fill these monthly issues required that the managing editor should devote almost his entire time to the purpose, which, for private reasons unnecessary to state, has been found at present impracticable to arrange for. Therefore, the monthly form was abandoned, although in some respects it nearly approaches the ideal of usefulness, could that ideal of frequency be maintained. The adoption of a bi-monthly issue of five or six numbers was little better than a quarterly of four, and the latter choice was then made, as being of almost equal convenience, and as being uniform with the favorite type of other fraternity magazines. The material for publication most difficult and tedious to obtain, edit and classify, consists of chapter letters and "personals," which make up the most valuable and interesting part of the issue of a fraternity journal. Special articles and general editorial work do not represent the same degree of uncertain labor and time, and can be as readily prepared for one kind of issue as for another ; but the class of matter above referred to, and the desired amount of it, represent an undue and unapparent proportion of editorial attention. And it is also easier to collect letters from forty-eight chapters for one quarterly issue than to collect from certain groups of sixteen for three successive monthly issues. Monthly letters would seem to present a fresher aspect of matters as they occur ; and that would be the case, if every chapter wrote monthly, which was *not* the case. In fact, once a term was as often as the best chapters were represented, and some less—and, therefore, in final effect the quarterly stands upon about the same footing with the monthly in point of frequency, besides admitting of less hasty work in this department, as well as in others, on the part of both editors and contributors. There are several other aspects of the

general question of change that might be touched upon more fully ; but we are content with the brief allusions already made to the topic, and have only enlarged on the subject of chapter letters because in this regard criticism may most likely be made.

It is only fair to the editors themselves to add that the present number of the quarterly is somewhat incomplete in certain desired respects, consequent upon the haste of sudden preparation. But in later issues some new and striking features may confidently be expected, which will commend the magazine all the more fully to the support and the pride of the fraternity.

SEPTEMBER.

Have you seen the pretty fairy,
Walking with a manner airy
Through the earth,
Gilding vines on hut and castle,
Lingering where the corn-stalk's tassel
Nods in mirth ?

She's a dainty little creature,
Fair in form and every feature ;
Shaded blue
Is the dress her form adorning—
'Tis a glory of the morning,
Sprent with dew.

Silvery Luna's beams her hair is,
And within her hand she carries
Golden-rod,
Touching with it fruits by magic,
While the leaves in ending tragic
Strew the sod.

Osman C. Hooper.

THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION.

The work of the first day, Wednesday, August 25, consisted mainly of organization, and of receiving and hearing the reports of the officials of the fraternity, which were then referred to the proper committees. On the morning of Thursday, the second day, the convention got fairly to work. The president announced, as one of the rules of order, that whenever any chapter's vote is evenly divided, the vote of the chapter should be counted in the negative as regards a petition for a chapter, and that as to other questions an evenly divided vote shall be ignored and not counted.

On motion of G. F. Saal, of Cornell, it was ordered that the minutes of the convention and of subsequent conventions should conform, when published, to the style and size of the magazine ; thus making it convenient for them to be bound together.

On motion of W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, it was ordered that the regular semi-annual reports of the several chapters shall be printed upon white paper with black ink, in plain style, the printing to be upon a four-page sheet of the size of five by eight inches when folded, and that the general secretary shall take all necessary steps to secure conformity to this order.

A number of other motions and questions were discussed, a record of some of which is covered by the summary of the reports of committees, as hereinafter given. Votes were taken this day on selection of place of meeting for the next convention. Madison, Wis., was defeated by a vote of nine yeas and twenty-six nays ; Philadelphia by a vote of six yeas and thirty nays, and Washington, D. C., was withdrawn. Wooglin-on-Chautauqua was then chosen by a vote of thirty-six in favor and one against. On motion of John I. Covington, it was voted that the president of the convention appoint an executive committee of five members to make arrangements for the next convention, and that the chief assistant secretary for each district appoint three members from his district to serve upon an auxiliary committee of twenty-seven. Invitations were received from the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and from the University Club, for which thanks were voted and returned. Col. A. S. Berry, of Newport, Ky. ; Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, of Cincinnati, and Prof. E. B. Stevens, of Miami University, were introduced to the convention and made short speeches. At noon the convention adjourned to go on 'Change at that hour.

In the afternoon the session was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Cranston, of Cranston & Stowe, the managers of the Methodist Western Book Concern. More reports of committees were received and considered, and something of a breeze was started in the discussion of withdrawal of certain charters. Several delinquents were freely mentioned, and accused and defended, as usual, and the following resolution was finally adopted as the sense of the convention in this matter :

Resolved, That the board of directors be requested to appoint one or more special commissioners to make a personal examination of the four chapters which the board may consider as possibly the least worthy upon our roll, and that the board be requested to lay before the next convention the results of the investigation.

A special dispensation was granted Northwestern chapter to initiate certain students of Denver University.

The president appointed the following executive committee on arrangements for the next convention : John I. Covington, Charles J. Seaman, George F. Saal, J. L. Moore and Homer Gard.

On motion of W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of an improved ritual and present a report to the next convention. The president appointed W. H. Crawshaw, F. M. Welsh and K. C. Radliff as such committee.

W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, moved that, subject to the approval of the next convention, Section 8 of Article V. of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows : "Section 8. The annual dues shall be two dollars for each member, and shall be paid to the general treasurer by the respective chapters as hereinbefore provided. The annual dues shall include the yearly subscription to the fraternity magazine. The dues of every member admitted between December 1 and June 30 shall be sent to the general treasurer immediately upon the member's initiation ;" and that, subject to the approval of the next convention, Section 1 of Article V. of the constitution be amended by substituting the word "December" for the word "February" in each place in which the latter word now occurs. A vote was taken by chapters, and the motion was carried by thirty yeas against one nay.

A committee, consisting of John I. Covington, A. C. Whitaker and R. S. Maison was appointed to investigate the finances of the last song-book.

On motion of R. S. Thomson, of Wabash, the following resolution, afterwards adopted, was made concerning the initiation of preparatory students :

That all chapters at which preparatory students are initiated be instructed to make efforts to come to an agreement with their rivals against such initiations, and also to make efforts to induce the college authorities to prohibit such initiations.

On Friday, the third day, considerable time and interest were devoted to the discussion of the establishment of new chapters. It had been generally understood by those to whose charge the report and documents of the general secretary had been entrusted that a petition had been presented to him from a certain desirable institution ; but such petition, if so presented, was, unfortunately, missing from his papers, and the convention, taking the benefit of the doubt, recommended to the board of directors that if the petition was afterwards found to be in existence, that it be immediately submitted to the chapter for vote upon it. It was also resolved that it is desirable to consider the advisability of entering three certain other institutions, and the directors were requested to investigate and take action accordingly.

On motion, the sum of seventy-five dollars was appropriated as salary for the general secretary for the coming year.

Thanks were returned to the resident alumni for their efforts in behalf of the convention, and to the University of Wisconsin chapter for its hearty invitation to hold the next convention at Madison, Wis., as the guests of Alpha Pi.

On motion of John I. Covington, it was voted that a committee of three, with one assistant from each chapter, be appointed to procure songs for a new song-book and be authorized to prepare and publish a song-book, and that each chapter appoint its own representative upon the auxiliary committee. On motion, F. M. Joyce, of De Pauw, was made chairman of the committee to prepare a new song-book, and was given authority to appoint the other two members of the committee.

On motion of W. H. Crawshaw, of Madison, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, The amendments to Sections 1 and 8 of Article V. of the constitution cannot go into effect until after the convention of 1887, be it

Resolved, That on the first day of October, 1886, the corresponding secretary of each chapter shall forward to the general treasurer the sum of one dollar for each active member of his chapter, together with the names of said members, and that in consideration of this tax the Beta Theta Pi magazine be furnished to all active members of the fraternity.

The convention proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. J. Cal. Hanna was nominated for general secretary, and, on motion, was

elected by acclamation. Charles J. Seaman, Sylvester G. Williams, Charles M. Hepburn and Willis O. Robb were nominated for members of the board of directors. Sylvester G. Williams, of Ohio Wesleyan, moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Seaman, Hepburn and Robb. The president decided this motion out of order. A vote by ballot resulted in the election of Willis O. Robb, Charles J. Seaman and Charles M. Hepburn. On motion of Sylvester G. Williams, of Ohio Wesleyan, the election of these three directors was made unanimous. The minutes of this session were read and approved.

On motion of Edgar Goodman, of Johns Hopkins, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention and the delegates and visiting Betas be extended to the president, officers and local committees for their earnest and conscientious work in behalf of this convention and fraternity.

The mystic circle was formed, the "Parting Song" and the "Doxology" were sung, and thereupon the convention was proclaimed by the marshal to be adjourned without day.

Of the reports of officers and committees, that of the general secretary was naturally of the greatest importance and interest. An increase of three chapters has been made during the past year, the new members on the roll being the University of Texas, instituted May 18, 1886; the Ohio State University, instituted December 11, 1885, and Miami University, revived June 22, 1886. Three abortive petitions failed or were withdrawn before coming to a vote of the chapters, for the reason of not being presented in strict conformity with our method of procedure, which is explicit and rigid. The institutions referred to are Michigan State Agricultural College, the University of Denver and Missouri State University. Briefly to state, these petitions were virtually withdrawn by their special friends and supporters in each case.

As to the condition of the chapters, nearly all appeared to be in as good condition as usual, and many of them in exceptionally good condition. Greater pains than usual were taken to ascertain the actual condition of each chapter, and, besides the ordinary materials of semi-annuals, chapter letters, annual reports and official correspondence special blanks were sent out to each chapter containing a series

of minutely-detailed questions arranged under the following eleven heads : chapter meetings, chapter hall, records and correspondence, membership, initiations, expenses, honors and prizes, the college, other fraternities, alumni, other chapters and the fraternity in general. The reports returned are exceedingly rich in material concerning the condition, life, local customs and college record of each chapter. Two chapters made no reports.

There were reported 589 active members, an average of 12 to each chapter. The number for the previous year was 687 and the average was 15.5. Reasons were given for the apparent retrogression. The total number initiated during the year was 182, compared with 248 of last year, an average of four to each chapter as against 5.5. The number of preparatory students was 7, as against 24 the previous year. The following five chapters still initiate preparatory students: Ohio University (occasionally), University of Kansas, Washington and Jefferson, Wabash, and Indiana University.

The subject of new charters is treated in some detail, exposing the uncertain manner of considering petitions and voting upon them by the chapters and by the convention delegates. It was advised that no charter be granted without a full and careful investigation of the claims presented by the petitioners, and the individual opinion was rendered that the voice of the chapters expressed separately is probably the fullest and safest test of the desirability of the new chapter.

The general secretary's report is voluminous, minute and practical, and should be carefully considered by every chapter as containing a comprehensive and valuable statement of the condition and movements of the fraternity. The tabulated summary of the answers returned to the special reports referred to is particularly interesting and suggestive, and is, in fact, an admirable bird's-eye view, as it were, of the entire fraternity situation and workings. It will probably prove a pioneer standard for other fraternity secretaries to imitate, as did a notable table prepared some years since by ex-secretary Wambaugh, in which all of our chapters were considered numerically, with like information concerning their respective rivals, a table now found annually in every fraternity magazine. We congratulate brother Hanna in advance, as we appreciate brother Wambaugh.

The committee on constitution and jurisprudence, among other less striking matter, presented the following paragraph, which was adopted :

We find that ———, a person not a student, has been elected and initiated by the Bethany chapter. The constitution of 1879 and the

laws adopted in 1881 make such a person ineligible. We therefore report that this gentleman is not a member of the fraternity and that his name should be erased from the roll, if it has been enrolled. As the law upon this point is clear, and the Bethany chapter was by the convention of 1883 censured for a precisely similar breach of the constitution and the laws, we recommend that the Bethany chapter receive the severest censure of this convention.

It is to be hoped that this forcible action on the part of the convention will effectually serve to discourage any further efforts by this or any other chapter to elect honorary members, a practice long since fallen into deserved contempt among reputable and vigorous fraternities.

The new historiographer, Wm. Raimond Baird, presented his original report, and in accordance with his request for funds fifty dollars was voted him to aid him in the advantageous prosecution of his work. The report is here quoted :

NEW YORK, August 19, 1886.

To the Honorable Convention of The Beta Theta Pi :

DEAR BROTHERS: Upon receipt of the notice that I had been elected to the office of historiographer of the fraternity by the convention of 1885, I endeavored to ascertain what were the duties and authority of the office. I find that, officially, this officer has none, and so I have to report "no progress." I would most respectfully suggest that such legislation be enacted by your honorable body that the position, duties and authority of the historiographer shall be adequately defined, and more especially that such an officer should be made the custodian of all the written records of the order not in the possession of active chapters, and should have authority to examine any chapter records and papers that he may find necessary.

No history of Beta Theta Pi can be written unless materials are collected, and the effort which I made three or four years ago to bring order out of chaos and replace fable by fact, and the benefit of which the fraternity has in a series of articles published in THE BETA THETA PI, convinced me that patient and continuous correspondence must be the principal source of information; and I would further suggest that your convention make an appropriation of not less than \$50 to defray the expense of at least beginning this work, and I hope that next year will see something accomplished.

Sincerely and fraternally yours, in ——— and ———,
Wm. Raimond Baird.

For a complete account in detail of the acts and business of the convention, of which the preceding is but a brief and incomplete summary of some leading points, the reader is referred to the "Minutes of

the Convention," now ready for distribution. Every chapter should secure a copy and carefully consider its contents. The minutes will be furnished gratis, on application to Wilby G. Hyde, 24 East Third Avenue, Columbus, O., to whom all business relating to the office of the general secretary should also be addressed until January 1st, 1887, when the secretary, J. Cal. Hanna, will return home from abroad.

SONGS OF THE PHI DELTA THETA.

Songs of Phi Delta Theta.—Third edition.—Edited by Frank D. Swope (Hanover, '85,) and E. H. L. Randolph (City of New York, '85,). Vanden, Hunter & Co., publishers, New York, August, 1886, is a quarto volume of 64 pages, bound in blue cloth and printed on heavy calendered paper. It contains one hundred and six songs, fourteen of which are set to music with original airs, composed chiefly by members of the Hanover and Wooster chapters. The other songs are set to airs more or less familiar, taken from *Carmina Collegensia*, *American College Song Book*, *Student's Songs*, *College Songs*, *Student Life in Song* and *Spiritual Songs*. The work has been in preparation for two years, the original committee for the purpose having been appointed by the convention of '84. The typographical work is very good; but we think the large shape and size of the book are somewhat objectionable, making it cumbersome to handle.

The original airs illustrate the difficulty of writing appropriate music for college songs. None of the airs written will ever become popular outside of the fraternity, and are not likely to take rank with any of the more familiar college airs. With but one or two exceptions they lack that spirit which is peculiar to genuine college music, and which is essential to its popularity, and by reason of which college songs are recognized and enjoyed all the world over. It does not take a musician to write a college song; at least the best musician would find it difficult, if not impossible, to do so. But it requires a genuine inspiration, such as few possess who have at the same time any faculty of composition whatever. "Co-ca-che-lunk," "Upi-dee," "Vive La,"

"Benny Havens," "Bingo," etc., were written by geniuses, and, together with a few serenades and love-songs, and a small number of other songs expressive of college sentiment, will always be familiar as long as men and college ways exist. It is a mark of good judgment in the editors of the *Songs of Phi Delta Theta* that they have for the most part retained the old familiar airs, and the few original pieces introduced serve to emphasize that fact. The new airs belong almost wholly to the Sunday-school style of music, and would perhaps make a good addition to any standard collection of Sunday-school songs. There are one or two examples in which a more secular air may be recognized; but neither the peculiar sweetness, the innate vivacity, the rollicking carelessness, nor the audacious absurdity of the typical college song is to be found in any of these airs.

Indeed, there is a very great difference between singing a college song of the type of "Litoria," and writing one. Imagine a person deliberately sitting down with malice—or nonsense—aforethought to compose a song in the pathetic words:

"Litoria! Litoria!
Swe-de-le-we-tchu-hirasa,
Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum!"*

Or that equally beautiful chorus:

"Shool, shool, shool, I rool,
Shool-I-shag-a-rack, shool-a-barb-a-cool,
The first time I saw psilly bolly eel
Dis cum bibble lol-la-boo, slow reel."

A modest man after perpetrating those lines would feel himself incapacitated for any useful or honorable calling in life, and we can well imagine the author of that composition secreting himself from the vindictive or humiliating view of his fellow students, until at length called forth by the rousing sound of his own chorus airily echoing through hall and campus, a surprise no greater to anyone than to himself. There are but a few such songs, partly because it requires a peculiar talent to compose the like, and partly, we presume, owing to the fact that few persons, even among college students, have the nerve to offer anything of the kind to the terrible strain to which it must be

*A musical friend says this identical chorus and music are both German in origin.

subjected before it can possibly be accepted as worthy of a place in the catalogue of college songs.

Phi Delta Theta makes no effort towards this style of composition save in parodies upon the old familiar songs, unless we may accept the verses whose closing lines close with the refrain, "Billee goatee, goata," for which the writer may cry *Peccavi* and be forgiven, as his sin is not great.

On the whole, the work is very creditable, chiefly because there is no flagrant violation of the license granted to works of this sort, it being, indeed, difficult to lay down any rule which may not be violated with impunity. Even such a couplet as

"Phi Delta Theta
Pulcherima mater,"

(to which might be added,

O dulce potato
Brought in on a waiter)

makes a perfect rhyme when the first line is sung, *Phae Delta Thater*, which may be trippingly done in a chorus. We do not wish to deal with the composer of this song unjustly as having produced the lines most open to criticism; for, indeed, his song is one of the best in the collection.

Over forty songs were contributed by under-graduates; seventeen were written by Mr. P. W. Search, Wooster, '76; twelve by Mr. E. H. L. Randolph, one of the editors; nine by Mr. W. B. Palmer, Vanderbilt, '80, formerly editor of *The Scroll*; ten by Mr. A. L. Foster, Indiana, '78; and of the remaining fifty-eight, twenty-two are, perhaps, by a half-dozen contributors. It is evident, therefore, that most of the songs are new and written for this special publication. They necessarily, for the most part, lack the inspiration, the *afflatus*, which alone can make them truly popular, nor is the selection enriched by such good old songs, mellowed by years, as have become endeared to the hearts of some of the other Greek societies.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Editorial Note.—Chapter letters are the pulse-beats of a fraternity's life. They indicate more directly and surely than any other agency the real working value of a chapter and the condition of affairs in general. That the indications in the case of our own fraternity are favorable, and, indeed, of a highly congratulatory nature, is clearly evidenced from the array of remarkably good chapter letters presented in this issue. The list of our chapters is almost the largest of any fraternity; but they are all alive and have long kept alive—a fact which, as detailed in the admirable Hand-Book of last spring, struck one of our rivals very forcibly. Our organization is large, and, upon calm consideration, even striking, while it also compact, vigorous, and progressive. There has been some talk, more or less vehement, about weak chapters and charters to be withdrawn, which does not mean decrepitude, but, rather, an increasingly high standard. We doubtless possess chapters—some very good chapters—located in institutions which we would not again enter, as do certain highly pretentious societies—even into places we never occupied or desired. This is not the fault of the chapters, but of the lagging and decaying institutions that have fallen behind in the struggle for educational supremacy. Such instances can not be helped, “even in the best regulated” fraternities; otherwise Psi Upsilon and other societies would not now be sorrowfully erecting tablets to the memory of the late University of Chicago. That possibly two or three of our chapters—we are frank but honest in this matter, neither admitting more nor less than is true—are at present not prosperous or promising, only bears convincing witness to the success of the rest and of the fraternity. Hardly more than double that number of chapter letters is missing from our record, and it is only fair to some delinquents to state that they were duly excused, owing to the necessarily early date of the call, and the late dates of beginning the session at their respective institutions. That leaves—*who?*

IOWA WESLEYAN.

Alpha Epsilon begins this term with eight active members. Three of our band did not return this fall: E. Fred Smith, '88, is in Quincy, attending the business college; LaMont Gann, '89, is at his home in Maryville, Mo.; and Charley Wooden, '89, is attending DePauw. Joe Newbold, '88, has returned from an extended trip to the wild west,

and, casting aside his "shooting iron" and sombrero, he has once more donned the habiliments of a Greek. We informed you of our share of honors in our last letter, and as the class elections have not yet taken place we can not record any class positions secured as yet. Brother Owen Wilson, '89, was elected president of the Philomathean literary society, and several minor offices in both societies have been laid at Wooglin's shrine. Brother W. W. Lee, '87, is editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Wesleyan*, our college monthly, and Hanna and Paul B. Woolson, business manager and advertising agent, respectively.

Brother Gus Waltars, '79, was elected to the chair of mathematics, made vacant by the death of Prof. Dickenson last spring. Nearly a hundred new students are reported over the corresponding term of last year. This shows that the institution is gaining the confidence of the public under the new management, and we hope to "keep up with the procession" in our chapter work as in the grade of scholarship. The undertaking for the extension of the endowment fund and for the new chapel is meeting with decided success. The grade of work done and the amount of interest taken in the institution show conclusively that the standard is being steadily advanced and we shall soon be able to repudiate any allusion concerning the "grade of the Iowa Wesleyan is scarcely up to the mark set for Betas," and kindred phrases, which have from time to time unkindly appeared in these columns. We are as united, enthusiastic and harmonious as any chapter in the fraternity. We were represented by three delegates at the last convention. -

Last June we had a very pleasant visit from brother S. Q. Greer, formerly of Theta, but later of Delta, and we were pleased to feel that in meeting a Beta we could implicitly rely on his being a genial, cultivated gentleman. One of the most pleasant social events in the Greek world last June was the reception given by the Pi Beta Phi, "I. C.'s." The Betas attended to a man. The evening was given up to social pleasures, and all passed off quietly with the exception of a little excitement over a "barb" remark about "an *Arrow* escape" he had from an I. C.; but he was promptly suppressed. We have pledged one man, and are whetting the spike for further action in a few days.

Leigh Woolson, Cor. Sec.

WOOSTER.

Along with the pleasure and excitement attending the fall campaign it is with just feelings of confidence and pride that Alpha Lambda submits her opening letter. Last year we lost by graduation three men: Burgoyne, now reading law in Cincinnati; Stiles, attending a medical college in Cleveland; and Shives, who will during this year pursue his studies in the musical department of the University. The latter brother will add strength and support to the chapter by his presence this year. Brother Berry, '88, is in Leadville, Col., in the banking business. His failure to return is a source of regret to all who knew him. We also miss the jovial presence of John Hughes, '89, of Parisville, O., and Ferd. Schwill, of Cincinnati. Schwill enters the

Sophomore class at Yale this fall. This year Alpha Lambda entered the field with nine men, strongly representing the Senior and Sophomore classes. We have added to our number by initiation three of the strongest and most influential men in college: D. S. Myres, of Wooster, O., and Scott Rex, of Richmond, O., giving us an able and enviable representation in the Junior class; and Will Clark, of Wooster, O., in the Freshman. Brother Meyers has been a bone of contention for the past two years between Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta. In this case Beta Theta Pi felt it to be her duty to act as sole arbiter in the matter. In addition to the above we have pledged Mr. Gratt Ehrat, of the Senior prep. class, thus securing a man in the Freshman class next year. Through Mr. Ehrat we were brought into contact with the Phi Gams, who wanted to initiate him into full membership in their order. In this effort they adopted a very characteristic course of intimidation, coercion and boycotting. While we would resent the charge of boastfulness, at the same time we feel like congratulating ourselves on the very enviable prominence the chapter enjoys.

Brother A. B. Dunlap is basso and Shives tenor in the choir of the First Presbyterian church, of which Dr. O. A. Hills, of Tau, is pastor. Frank Conrad presides as organist at the Lutheran Tabernacle. By his genial manners and artistic work brother Conrad has won a host of admirers and friends. Rev. Heindel, of Alpha Gamma, occupies the pulpit of this church. At the convention Alpha Lambda was largely represented, both by delegates and alumni. There, doubtless, are some who remember the "Wooglin" quartette from this chapter. Mrs. J. Cal Hanna, wife of the efficient general secretary of the fraternity, is spending the fall in Wooster during her husband's absence in Europe. Mrs. Hanna is showing her devotion to Beta Theta Pi by largely assuming the duties of general secretary during his absence, while in many other ways she has shown her interest in the chapter here represented. The university is in a flourishing condition. Never before in its history have the prospects been brighter. The vacancy occasioned by the death of Prof. Anna B. Irish has been filled, the university having secured the competent services of Miss. Eva Correll, of Chicago. This year, more than ever before, there is pronounced evidence of the growth and increase of the institution. The number of new students is vastly ahead of any preceding year, the Senior class alone numbering forty-six members, the total enrollment being over six hundred, in all departments.

E. P. Dunlap, Cor. Sec.

AMHERST.

Amherst is a most beautiful spot at any time, but returning to college from city homes, as most of us do, it is a relief to come back to the quiet and retirement offered us here. The village authorities are to be congratulated on the fine condition of natural things in general, for many have remarked that the town never presented a more inviting appearance, thus affording an excellent relief to the general confusion of

the first few weeks of the fall term. Beta Iota enters upon another year with the brightest of prospects. The chapter roll, including the new men from '90, will number twenty-four. The Freshman class this year is small in comparison to the two preceding classes, they numbering only about seventy. The campaign committee have pledged six good men; it is our usual endeavor to have eight in a delegation, but as the class was small we decided to let what we lacked in quantity be made up in quality.

We, with the other fraternities, except D. K. E., will hold the initiation on the evening of October 8th; invitations have been sent to all the surrounding chapters, and a royal good time is anticipated. It was the intention to make the initiation an extra occasion in consequence of the new house, but it has been decided that so important a matter to Beta Iota alumni as this should occur at a separate and special date.

By graduation we lost seven men whose places will be hard to fill. Of our chapter's record at the late Commencement we are justly proud. Brother Whiting was chairman of the Senior Promenade committee; the success of the affair, and the general praise heard concerning it, was due in a great measure to his energy and ability. Brother Poole captured the Walker prize of \$100, for the best work in mathematics during his course, and also the Porter prize, for the highest scholarship in natural philosophy and astronomy. Brother White was awarded the Bond prize for the best production spoken on the Commencement stage. The faculty also gave him a diploma of *summa cum laude*, the first and only one ever given in the history of the college. This was the highest honor Amherst College ever conferred upon a student, and Beta Iota and the fraternity at large are to be congratulated. The other members, though less fortunate in securing Commencement honors, graduated with credit to themselves, the college and the chapter.

Society houses are a distinctive feature in fraternity life at Amherst. Nowhere are there so many and such elegant chapter quarters. True, there are, perhaps, a couple of colleges which may boast of their *one great* house, but here eight of the nine fraternities have large and finely-furnished houses of their own.

Ever since the establishment of Beta Iota chapter, these very society houses have been a source of trouble to us, for to contend against fraternities with elegant chapter houses was no easy task, and every effort has been made to place ourselves on an equal in this respect. To-day, thanks to the unceasing and faithful efforts of brother Tufts, '84, and the loyal support of the alumni, we own and occupy the finest society-house now in Amherst, and, considering the few years we have been in existence here as a fraternity in comparison with Alpha Delta Phi, and Psi U., our work and progress have been of a kind of which all are justly proud. Our house, situated on a sloping lawn 110x125 feet, is three stories in height, and contains twenty-four rooms beside the large double parlors. The number of rooms is an especially desirable feature, as it enables very nearly the whole chapter to live in the house (something no other society can boast of), and this tends to bind

the members in a firmer bond of friendship, and greatly increases the social relations.

Athletic Day occurs October 16th, and is the gala occasion of fall term.

B. R. Millikin, Ass.'t Cor. Sec. *Homer Gard*, Cor. Sec.

BETHANY.

The forty-fifth annual commencement of Bethany College was an enjoyable occasion. Although Commencement Day was ushered in with a drenching rain, there were about 1,500 people in attendance at the graduating exercises of the American Literary Institute in the evening of that day, the storm having abated. But while it was an occasion of rejoicing, Psi was forced to mourn the loss of two beloved sons from her halls, Alvin Lincoln White, of Bethseda, O., and Wallace Claire Payne, of South Bend, Ind. White divided first honors in the scientific course with two others, the record of the three differing less than 1-1000 of 1 per cent. Brother Payne divided second honors with another man in the art course, and he was honored with a special degree of A. M. In the Class Day performance White was historian, and in the graduating class of the American Literary Institute was salutatorian. J. F. Woolery, Psi's latest accession, a brother of Lewis Cass, was president on that occasion. We had with us in an informal reunion of Psi's alumni the following beloved brethren: Lewis Cass Woolery, '84, law student at Covington, Ky.; Andrew Jackson Colborn, '84, lawyer, Somerset, Pa.; Rev. Charles George Brellos, '84, Sharon, Pa.; John Brown Wilson, '85, Wheeling, W. Va.; Prof. Miles Grant Baxter, '85, Buchanan's Business Institute, Hopedale, O.

Our work last year was sweeping in its character. We took the cream of the college, leaving our rival only the skimmed milk. (This is not a chestnut, but a fact.) Our first initiate was Winston Kent Pendleton, '89, son of the president. Closely following him were Henry Reid Bright, '87, Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Franklin Sherman Israel, '88, Beallsville, O. John Coleman Reid, '87, Mt. Sterling, Ky., was our next missionary fruit, and it was only a short time until Will L. Addy, '89, Pittsburgh, Pa., was received into our circle. Then Joseph L. Fenton Woolery, '87, Antioch Mills, Ky., forsook the society of the unregenerate and cast his lot with us. We think no chapter can present a more satisfactory list of desirable men than this one of Psi for '85-86. We begin the session of '86-87 with five men, brothers Rumble, Israel, Reid, Addy. We greatly miss brother Bright, who did not return this year, and we also deeply regret the illness of Joe Woolery, who has been prostrate for some weeks with malarial fever, and at one time was very near death's door, but is now convalescent. White, of last year's class, is studying law in Wheeling, W. Va.; Payne is a student in Yale Divinity school this year. Both are exceptionally fine students, and gentlemen whom we commend to the fraternal love and care of our brothers in those places.

The forty-sixth session of Bethany College opens with indications of a prosperous year and hard work. This is a quiet spot, and eminently

suitied for study. Very few shirkers are found among Bethany's students. Some of the new faces are prepossessing, and the dreams of Psi's sons are now filled with visions of promising barbarians marching bravely to their classic ordeals. May their dreams be realized.

Edwin Curry, Cor. Sec.

CORNELL.

Another September calls us back to our college duties, and we find the university in a more prosperous and promising condition than it has ever been before. The entering class numbers about three hundred and twenty-five, the largest class that ever entered an American college, and the total number of students is seven hundred and fifty-three, more than a hundred greater than ever before in the history of the university. To accommodate this great increase in the number of students, extensive changes have been made in the corps of instruction. Two new professors—Dr. J. G. Schurman in philosophy and Christian ethics and Dr. Benjamin Wheeler in classical philosophy—have been added to the list. A number of new instructors have also been appointed, including Mr. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., and Mr. O. L. Elliott in English, Mr. Louis Leakey in elocution, Mr. C. B. Wilson in German, Mr. Courtney Langdon and Mr. E. G. Lapham in French, Mr. J. F. Kemp in geology, and Mr. E. H. Preswick in chemistry. A chair of pedagogy has been established, filled by Professor S. G. Williams, formerly professor of general and economic geology. Professor Shackford, of the English department, and Dr. Wilson, formerly registrar and professor of moral and intellectual philosophy, have been retired as *emeritus* professors.

At last Commencement we lost three men by graduation, brothers Emory, Sackett and White. Brother Humphrey took the degree of Master of Science. Brother Sackett performed in a very creditable manner the duties of memorial orator. The Senior ball, class, concert and class supper were conducted in a manner creditable to the class. During Commencement week we received very pleasant visits from brothers Beebe, '82, and Converse, formerly '86.

Last year, besides winning the state intercollegiate athletic contest at Utica, Cornell gained the pennant in the state intercollegiate base ball association games, our nine not losing a single game.

Our chapter begins the year with ten members, including brother J. Harry Sheldon, who comes to us from Stevens. We have been slightly hindered in this fall's "rushing" campaign by the fact that we have had no chapter home. We are waiting to move into a new house which is being built expressly for our use. We have, however, pledged one man and are doing what we can, scattered as we are, until we get into our house. We expect to move into the new home in a week or two now and will then be very nicely situated. The house is large and nicely situated on Heustis street, within a hundred and fifty feet of the campus. Of the other fraternities there is little to say except to remark the new houses of the Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Alpha fraternities.

The former is a rented brick house about a block distant from the one we are to occupy. The Kappa Alpha house is a fine structure of Medina sand-stone and stands just inside the entrance to the campus, upon a lot presented to the chapter by the university.

Of the men who left us at the end of last year, Sackett is in Columbia Law School, White is in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, Emory is teaching in New Haven, Conn., and Jones is teaching mathematics in the Cayuga Lake Military Academy at Aurora, N. Y. In closing, I invite any and all Betas, who can do so, to come and call upon the members of Beta Delta, and I assure them they will meet with a hearty Beta welcome.

Chas. S. Fowler, Cor. Sec.

HANOVER.

The fifty-fourth Commencement of Hanover College, occurring in June, 1886, was especially enjoyed by the members of Iota. As we have a much greater number of alumni than any other fraternity here, Beta badges and colors are always very prominent during Commencement week. But last year we were also very prominent in another way. Three of the speakers of the week were Betas, and their addresses were each very much enjoyed by all. Hon. D. W. McClung, of Cincinnati, one of the earlier members of Alpha chapter, was chosen to deliver the popular address before the literary societies. His theme was, "Obedience to Civil Law," and was handled very forcibly in a felicitous argument more than an hour in length. The diplomas of the Union Literary Society were delivered by Robert M. Miller, of Franklin, Ind., a Hanover Beta of '65. The diplomas of the Philolathean society were delivered by brother J. O. Stillson, M. D., of Indianapolis Medical College, class of '71. On Commencement day we were well represented on the stage by D. C. Blyth and R. T. Evans, our only graduates in the class of '86. In the graduating exercises the Betas received one first prize and two honorable mentions; a record equaled by only one other fraternity. The principal social event of our chapter during Commencement week was the annual reunion and banquet, held in the chapter hall. Owing to the inclemency of the weather only a limited number of our alumni were able to be present, but the occasion was a very enjoyable one, notwithstanding. We initiated at this time B. W. Tyler, '90, of Utica, Ind., who has proven to be a strong addition to the chapter. The usual spirit of friendship pervades the Greek world at Hanover. At the close of last year we held our second annual pan-hellenic banquet in the parlors of the Madison Hotel, Madison, Ind. About sixty couples were present, and the evening was royally spent in toasts, songs, and dancing. T. R. Bridges, in behalf of Beta Theta Pi, responded to the novel toast of "Seven Goats; May They Butt In Concert."

The opening of college this fall brought most of us together again, nine of the chapter being present at the first meeting. Walter L. Riley concluded to stay out a year and is now engaged in teaching school

near his home, at New Liberty, Ky. J. W. Rowlett was with us a few days at the opening of the term, when he left for Vanderbilt University, where he will complete his college course. We heartily commend him to the respect and fellowship of the chapter there. He was the honor man of his class in declamation and second honor man in scholarship. The fall campaign has been, and continues to be, very exciting. A larger number of new students have entered the Freshman class than for many years past, and amongst them some excellent fraternity material. While the struggle has been warm and interesting, it has been carried on by all in a gentlemanly manner, and no bitter feelings have been engendered. We made the earliest capture of the season, and on the 18th of September initiated into the Greek world John A. Tracy, of Richmond, Ind. He is a superior man in many ways, and as we had strong opposition to overcome, we are considerably elated over our victory. We now number ten members, the average size of chapters here, and have hope ere long to add several new names to our roll. Numerically the several fraternities here are about equal, save Delta Tau, which at present has only three members. As to real strength, none are absolutely supreme. We feel certain that our chapter excels in many respects, and have no fear that we shall be surpassed in the near future by any of our rivals. The spirit of progress is very evident in Hanover college, and under the efficient management of our president, Dr. D. W. Fisher, we hope to be soon enlarged and better equipped in every department. A new professorship has been recently founded by Rev. James A. McKee, of Cairo, Ill., and it will soon be filled. With the life of the college the life of the chapter is intimately associated.

T. Reed Bridges, Cor. Sec.

KENYON.

The opening of the new college year found Beta Alpha unchanged in regard to numerical strength. We lost Geo. Clarke Cox by graduation and gained Will C. Hildreth in the class of '90. The exercises of Commencement week for the most part passed off very pleasantly. Sunday, June 20th, was Baccalaureate Sunday. Monday afternoon the athletic sports began. Instead of the regular base ball game, which we are accustomed to have the afternoon before the field day, we had a lawn tennis tournament, which proved a great success. After the tennis tournament we had some canoe and tub races. Tuesday had been set apart for the athletic contest, but the rain that day and the next compelled us to put off the sport until the fall. Wednesday evening we had a college dance given by the graduating class in the hall of our new library building. This was the prettiest and most enjoyable entertainment that we have had for several years. Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock was the president's reception and the opening of Hubbard Hall. At the Commencement exercises on Thursday brother Cox delivered the salutatory address. The opening

of the college year found brother Devin and the writer back with Will C. Hildreth, who was pledged last year, and who is in the present Freshman class. The larger part of the "rushing" was done before the term opened. The Alpha Deltas and Dekes were here ahead of time and seized the Freshmen as they arrived, and when brother Devin and I reached the hill, nearly every one had selected his room-mate, and had decided upon his fraternity. The grammar school has opened now with a fine lot of boys, and we may be able to pick up again by pledging good men among the preps; but we will take only good men and do not desire to keep up the chapter if we have to do it by taking men who have been left by the other fraternities. At present the Alpha Deltas are ahead in numbers. It would be difficult to give the fraternities in the order of their real strength.

C. K. Benedict, Cor. Sec.

WESTERN RESERVE.

By the graduation of last June Beta lost one man, James T. Lees. He was an excellent scholar, sharing third honor, and was the last Junior to deliver a Greek oration at Junior exhibition, that custom now being dropped. We were sorry to lose him; but we are somewhat recompensed in the thought that as he is to pursue a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins, he will still have a good chance to do fraternity work. There was not much of special note during our last Commencement. Beta was represented at prize speaking by Berry from the Sophomore class and Clay Herrick from the Freshman class. The writer was on the ball nine during the past year, and Clay Herrick was a substitute player. Taken all in all last year was one of trials for us. We failed to get a representative upon *The Reserve* board, although we had two good men in the class. This "shut-out" was caused by a small class affair and was brought about by a combination of the other fraternities, with the idea of hurting us as much as possible. It is true that we did apprehend some trouble of working men when this fall should come. But the fact is, when this fall did come, the influence of the "shut-out" was more than balanced by our better representation than any fraternity here. The different fraternities opened the campaign with the following number of men. Alpha Delta Phi, six; Delta Kappa Epsilon, three; Delta Upsilon, five; Delta Tau Delta, four; Phi Gamma Delta, four; Beta Theta Pi, seven, with two pledged men in the Freshman class. Perhaps we can show what we have done in no better way than to give the number of men each fraternity will take from the Freshman class. Alpha Delta, three; Dekes, two; Delta U.'s, three; Delta Taus, two; Phi Gammas, none; Betas, five, and one special student. There are three very fair men left who are not pledged, and we may decide to take one of these. On the eve of September 29th we initiated six men into our chapter. So by hard work we have earned the honor of saying that we have the largest, the best delegation from the class of '90 of any one fraternity here, and we are assured of our position. All of our

young Betas are men to feel proud of. We have two editors upon *The Reserve* board for this year, Parks and Bush Herrick. We shall be glad to exchange publications with all of our sister chapters that so desire. Some of our men from the lower classes are now in other fields. Of this we will make mention in our first semi-annual. Brother Clark attended the convention at Cincinnati, and returned to us with good reports. We hope to have our whole chapter at the next convention. Adelbert is rapidly improving in its curricula, and every year her entrance examinations are rendered more difficult by the requirements of advanced classics and mathematics.

It may be well to speak of the decline of the chapter of D. K. E. here. Last year it stood at the top in numbers, having at one time during the year eleven men. By the aid of the faculty their numbers were decreased so that, notwithstanding they did not lose any by regular graduation, only three men returned this fall, which is a large decline. Let it be remembered that this is the fraternity that was foolish enough to take in two of our expelled men. This ought to be a good lesson to their chapter. We have not yet shed tears over their decline and hope we never shall.

We were glad to welcome back to Beta this fall brother Parks, who spent last year within the realms of Lambda chapter. He speaks highly of the Betas of Ann Arbor and the university there. Beta chapter extends a cordial invitation to all visiting brethren and promises them a hearty reception.

H. B. Herrick, Cor. Sec.

UNION.

Last spring-time our chapter consisted of eleven men, and we lost none by graduation, as we had no Seniors. Brother Silvernail left us to study medicine, so that we began this year with ten active men. Although having no Seniors last Commencement, we, or rather one of our number, bore off a share of the honors. The cash prize of \$50.00 for the best extemporaneous speech on the question whether labor organizations are beneficial or not—open to the whole college, in which a good representation did take part—was won by brother Cole. The Pendleton Latin prize of \$25.00, open to the three upper classes, was also won by brother Cole. Brother Crane, '85, has been elected tutor in mathematics.

Brother Radliff and your correspondent attended the convention at Cincinnati and returned home infused with fraternity enthusiasm. All entered into the campaign with a determination to win, and success crowned our efforts, for soon seven "barbs" were pledged and a very short battle it was, considering the seven rivals we have. Three of the "barbs" were initiated September 25th—Rowley, '90, Harder, '90, (a brother of Harder, '89,) Carmichael, '90—and the remaining four were initiated October 1st, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of our chapter. And what a reunion it was! and how pleasant to grasp the hands of those who for the last five years have

worked with us, although they were not active members. We can truly say that our alumni have stood by us and helped us to establish our chapter firmly, so that to-day we stand independent and confident. After the initiation, which took us far into the night, thirty loyal Betas sat down to a tempting banquet. After thoroughly satisfying ourselves with a physical and mental feast we arose and joined hands in the "mystic circle" and then started for our respective homes a tired but happy crowd. October 2nd we gave an informal reception to our "Beta Girls," which was no less enjoyable than like affairs in the past. There have been a great many changes in our faculty since last year. We have three new professors and one new tutor, all of whom have already made a favorable impression upon the students. Although as yet we have no regular president, every one who has a knowledge of the affairs of the college concedes that we are steadily on the gain. The authorities are becoming stricter in their laws regulating the college work and are trying to raise the standard of the college in every respect. No student is allowed to go on with his class if he has any back work which is not made up. The college library has been enlarged by the gift of several thousand volumes from the Adelpheic and Philomathean literary societies. The societies are allowed certain privileges in the college library in return for the gift.

A. J. Dillingham, Cor. Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We open the year with seven men and with brighter prospects than we have had for years. The majority of the chapter are working hard and we expect to initiate several men within a week or so.

The most important thing that has happened in college affairs since our last letter is the Greek play, which was given by undergraduates of the university on May 28th and 29th, at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. The play represented was "The Acharnians," by Aristophanes. The representations were so great a success that at the solicitation of those interested in the "Greek school" at Athens, it has been decided to reproduce the play in the Academy of Music in New York, on November 19, 1886, the proceeds to go for the benefit of this school. Phi will be represented by one, perhaps two, men on the chorus, and we hope to be able to meet some of our Stevens and Columbia brethren during our stay in New York.

The question of physical culture has excited much interest among the trustees and faculty during the last few years, and this year exercise for two hours a week in the new gynasium has been made compulsory to students in the college department. Through the generosity of Mr. R. D. Wood, of Philadelphia, there is being erected on the grounds of the university a building which will be used as a training-school for nurses and home for nurses while under instruction. The building will contain about twenty-five beds and will be under the supervision of Miss Charlotte Hugo, a niece of the bishop of London, who will also be superintendent of the University Hospital.

Some one suggested, in the magazine last year, that there should be a fraternity library at Wooglin. The idea is a good one and should be carried out. The advantages of our having a *library* are too obvious to need mention, and the advantages of our having this library at *Wooglin* are that it would be more read because of its being at a summer resort, and because it would be read by more Betas and by Betas representing more sections of the country than if it were situated at any other place.

Robt. S. Maison, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The session of '86-87 has begun at last, after three months of rest and rust. The new session brings, as usual, a large crowd of boys to the university, among whom are many old faces and some new. Up to date there are about one hundred and seventy-five who have registered. This is a smaller attendance than usual, but we hope the number will increase before the session is much more advanced. Many changes have been made in the institution since last session; changes both in government and faculty. During last Commencement the trustees met, and after some discussion dismissed the whole faculty at "one fell swoop," then immediately turned around and selected all but five, and at another meeting, held on the 27th of July, reinstated the former unlucky five. (A very peculiar action, but one which the trustees did not deem it necessary to explain). Chancellor A. P. Stewart resigned his position shortly after. Since then the office of chancellor has been done away with, temporarily at least, and a chairman of the faculty, elected by the faculty, is now the executive officer. Prof. Edwin Mayes, LL. D., is the chairman, Dr. J. J. Wheat, formerly professor of Greek, by personal request has been transferred to the chair of metaphysics, political economy and ethics, while Prof. Addison Hoge, of Virginia, has been elected to fill the chair vacated by him. We hope the new session will also mark a new era in the historic annals of the University of Mississippi.

Beta Beta has not her usual advantages this session. We sustained serious loss by the graduating class of '86, but, in spite of this fact, the chapter has bright prospects before her. Three unregenerated "barbs" desiring to enter into the mysterious vows of "Wooglin" were introduced to the fierce old "bull-dog" at our last meeting. We have one good man pledged and another in view. The newly-initiated brothers were S. M. McWhorter, L. M. Burge and C. G. Mason. I think by a dint of hard work, and we will certainly work hard, we can make this as prosperous a session for Beta Beta as we have anticipated for the university. The members who have returned are J. D. Burge, M. C. Montgomery, S. L. Holloway, E. L. B. McClellan and T. B. Lampton. Our chapter showed up to good advantage last Commencement. G. T. Fitzhugh was valedictorian of his class and J. D. Burge and H. M. Quinn were Senior speakers. L. T. Fitzhugh, Jr., won second Phi Sigma Freshman medal. Fitzhugh now fills the chairs of chemistry,

natural philosophy and English literature in Whitworth Female College, of which institution his father, formerly principal of the University High School, has been elected president.

Brother Burge is our representative in the law class this session. The Dekes and Phi Delta Thetas have "rushed" in a large number of members already and surpass us now in numbers, but I do not think nine better men can be found than the nine members of Beta Beta.

J. B. McElroy, Cor. Sec.

NORTHWESTERN.

There have been but few changes in the chapter roll since last year. Brother C. S. Tomlinson graduated last June with the highest general and special honors. He left immediately for his home, Boone, Ia., where he is the popular editor of the *Boone County Republican*. Brother Hamill was compelled to leave college early last spring, but he is now in the college of law and we often see him.

As we formed the "mystic circle" at our first regular meeting this fall and "shook it up," there was not a brother missing of those whom we had expected to see. The different classes are filled up. Four Seniors, four Juniors, five Sophomores and one Freshman answer to the active chapter roll, and the fall campaign is before us. We hope to number at least fifteen before the term closes, and if a vigorous campaign can secure that end, our hopes will be realized.

Northwestern University is booming, and has, without doubt, brilliant prospects. The Illinois College of Pharmacy has recently been added as one of the departments of the university. The law and medical departments are full and the school of oratory is overcrowded. The favorable condition of affairs is not due to any freak of fortune but is an indication of the steady growth and real merit of the university. Two handsome buildings are going up on the campus and are nearly ready for occupation; Garrett Memorial Hall will supply a long felt need of the theological school, and science hall will give much greater opportunity for the study of chemistry and physics. Through the liberality of the sons of the late James S. Kirk a beautiful library building and chapel will ere long grace the college campus. Our alumni will be surprised to learn that Prof. H. Carhart, of the department of physics, has left N. W. U. for a similar position at Ann Arbor. He has a worthy successor, however, in Dr. Parsons, recently from Leipsic, Germany. Dr. Sheppard fills the new chair of history and is becoming very popular among the students.

Fraternity rivalry is not so intense as it has been heretofore. There appears to exist greater confidence between the several chapters which may lead to a pan-hellenic movement. We see many brother Betas. Brother Clatworthy, pastor of the Baptist church, often mingles with us and enjoys his share of *Δορυ*. Scott, '76, Lord and Hatfield, '83, and Bloom, '85, are with us from time to time. We enjoyed a short visit recently from W. J. Cady, of Denver Rho. We wish to mention again

that there is a standing invitation for all Betas passing through Chicago to come and visit us. We are but thirty minutes' ride from the centre of the city, and trains may be obtained every half hour. Our regular meetings occur on Monday evenings at eight.

H. R. Calkins, Cor. Sec.

STEVENS.

Last June five of Sigma's loyal sons were sent out into the world to do battle in the cause of science, first arming them, however, with the title of mechanical engineer—and it is to be hoped with the knowledge which is usually supposed to accompany it. These men are Leonard Gregory Paine, William Combe Post, Henry B. Everhart, Cornelius J. Field and Edward F. White. As there is no class rank at Stevens, it is impossible to give the exact rank of our graduates, but it can be said, with truth, they were all well thought of by the faculty and their theses were complimented by the professors who undertook the task of reviewing them at Commencement. Henry B. Everhart was more honored than his brethren, he being the salutatorian of his class. The Senior Promenade, which occurred immediately after the Commencement exercises, afforded an opportunity to the graduating class for bidding their friends among the fair sex residing in Hoboken farewell. The way in which this opportunity was embraced by most of them is a matter between themselves, the fair sex and the gnomes who occupy the sequestered nooks about the institute, and is an affair of too delicate a nature to be left to the discretion of the plebeian undergraduate.

The present college year commenced at Stevens on the 21st day of September, but at this writing we have hardly had time to get earnestly at work either in the chapter or at college. But the Sigma-ites have not been asleep—on the contrary, we have been decidedly awake, and have accomplished more than ever before, in the same time, during the writer's connection with the chapter. On the night of October 1st we held our annual initiation. Six men on this occasion renounced the outer world and took vows of Beta Theta Pi. Their names and classes are as follows: Charles Volney Kerr, '88; Charles Godfrey Richardson, '89, Christopher Temple Emmet, '90; Frank Moynan, '90; Leonard Delica Wildman, '90; and George Merritt, '90. It is unnecessary to say that our four "babes" are the flower of their class, as no men are ever initiated into the fraternity through Sigma unless they are such. Quite a number of alumni of our chapter and others encouraged us by their presence. Among our guests were brothers James A. Rohbach, '84, of Western Reserve; Geo. W. Willis, '86, of Brown; F. W. Sheldon, Cornell, '86; Fearn, '84; Barnes, '84; Post, '86, and White, '86, of Sigma. After the initiation we held an impromptu "Dorg," which was enjoyed by all, especially the "babes," who seemed to be in need of something strengthening after the ordeal they had passed through. Altogether, our initiation was quite a success and undoubtedly a source

of great pleasure and amusement to all present, excepting, perhaps, the poor "babes," who seemed pretty well done up. Having such a good start in the class of '90, there is no reason why we should not get several more men, should our Freshmen find others whom they would like to have as such close companions. None of our rivals have as yet done any work in the new class, but when our "babes" exhibit their pins, on Monday next they will undoubtedly think it high time to begin.

Our number was augmented this year by the transfer of William A. Magee, of the University of California chapter. Brother Magee took part of the Freshman year with the class of '87 at Stevens and then went to the University of California, but, being convinced that Stevens is the most advanced school of its kind, he has returned to complete the course with the class of '88. Our total membership is fifteen, the names of only eight of which number, however, appeared on our roll-book last year. Our good alumnus, William Raymond Baird, has seen fit to renounce bachelorhood and has taken unto himself a wife. Upon that happy occasion Sigma presented to him a wedding gift, in the shape of an antique jug with "Sigma, Beta Theta Pi" engraven on its front in Greek characters. It was truly Greek, and looked like a relic taken from the ancient ruins of Mycenæ. The daily papers commented freely on our modest gift, thus bringing the fraternity prominently into notice, and it was this fact that caused me to mention it.

Druid O. Walton, Cor. Sec.

JOHNS HOPKINS.

The request for a letter from our chapter for the October number of the magazine comes almost too early for me to make a satisfactory reply, as our institution does not open until the second week of the month. Hence, our statements must necessarily be brief and chiefly confined to matters connected with the close of the last college year. Alpha Chi wound up the year very brilliantly, as out of a graduating class numbering twenty-eight five were Betas; and of these five representatives three received the highest college honors, viz.: a graduate Hopkins scholarship each. Only one other fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, was represented, with three men. Those graduating from Alpha Chi were brothers Theodore Hough, Wm. F. Smith, Fred. G. Young, John R. Winslow and Alfred R. L. Dohme, the first three of whom were the honor men. Besides these, brother W. S. Bayley received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy, in geology and petrography.

The prospects of the chapter for the ensuing year are very promising, and, although three of our graduates, Messrs. Hough, Smith and Winslow, leave us, we will partly make up for the loss in numbers by the return of brother Slack to the university and the arrival of brother Magruder from Stevens Institute. Besides, with respect to the regular fraternity campaign, the number of new students increases every year, and we are quite confident that Alpha Chi will get her full and desired share of them. We also expect to add several members to our

roll by transfer from other chapters and will be greatly obliged to any cor. sec. who will inform us of the arrival of a stray Beta from his chapter or acquaintanceship.

Alfred R. L. Dohme, Cor. Sec.

BOSTON.

Last Commencement was an occasion of more than usual interest to our chapter. The weeks immediately preceding that of the graduation exercises were enlivened with numerous social events that threw a rosy light even over the tedious term examinations, and prepared the way for the culmination of the ante-Commencement festivities. Our chapter, honored by the appointment of J. C. Hagar to represent the college as Commencement speaker, was doubly honored by the way in which the speaker performed his part. With one exception, our chapter has furnished the Commencement orators for the last four years, so that the feeling of self-satisfaction and pride, while quite intense, is not novel.

The college has a large and promising entering class; the faculty has been enlarged, and all indications point to a prosperous year. The alterations and improvements now being rapidly pushed in the estate secured last spring for the Theological School have necessitated the postponement of the opening of that department until November 3. The other schools are well filled and doing good work. Especially is this noticeable in the Law School, which, under the skillful management of Dean Bennett, is maintaining its prestige among similar American schools.

This year we entered upon the campaign with two Seniors, four Juniors and three Sophomores. We have already pledged four excellent men from '90. We are sorry to report a loss to the chapter by the removal of Brother Cramer, '89, to New York. We commend him to the brothers at Columbia. Brother Wardwell, '89, will stay out one year, but expects to return at the end of that time to finish his course. We shall ultimately lose little by his absence.

A very pleasant feature of our society life has been the enjoyment of visits from our alumni and friends. To all such who may gravitate toward the "Hub" we extend a hearty invitation to visit us, assuring them of a hearty welcome.

Thos. Whiteside, Cor. Sec.

RANDOLPH-MACON.

We review with pleasure our record for the past year, for the perfect harmony of the whole chapter and of the individual members was unexceptionable. We had several banquets during the session, but of all joyous and long-remembered gatherings our Commencement supper stands pre-eminent, both in felicity of enjoyment and in the sweet sorrow of parting. One of our number took an A. M. degree in three years and others so distinguished themselves in various ways that our

reputation was more than sustained. Only seven of our number have returned, but we have decidedly a better representation, and a much brighter prospect for the ensuing year than any other fraternity here. The college has undergone many changes in its management, and improvement follows upon improvement. We were deprived of our former chapter room, which was in one of the college buildings, but have secured one much more preferable, and it is now fitted up ready for occupancy. The chief difficulty fraternity work seems to present is lack of material, a difficulty not easily surmounted; but we adhere to our rule: "*Aut Cæsar, aut nihil*," and make no indifferent acquisitions. We extend our wishes of success to the new departure of a quarterly.

George Shipley, Cor. Sec.

CUMBERLAND.

Never in the history of Mu chapter have its members been so jubilant. All is peace and harmony within and exceedingly flattering without. Though our loss in June was heavy—Epps, Brannum, Ruhm, Caldwell, Cody, Bone, Miller and McDonald taking degrees and McCutchen leaving on account of his health—yet the eleven old members who gathered here in September lacked no enthusiasm. It seems that a new interest has been awakened, and a firmer determination to work harmoniously for the good of Mu chapter and the fraternity at large is noticeable in all. The presence of brothers Steen and Hooker, of Beta Beta, has been a source of great pleasure and gratification to us, and of immense value in securing good men in the law department. Long since has the work begun, and thus far we have not been beaten on a single man. Ere the first week has passed away, Fitzpatrick and Devine, both of whom were too well known for the usual investigation, were pledged, and on the night of the 17th of September were initiated into the mysteries. Fitzpatrick is of the Senior law class, and is a nephew of ex-Gov. A. S. Marks of this state, and a cousin of A. D. Marks, one of Mu's appreciated sons. Devine, who is now a candidate for the degree of master of laws, is a son of Hon. T. J. Devine, of San Antonio, Texas, one of Epsilon's most distinguished alumni. A later evening witnessed another series of mysterious manoeuvres, the result of which was four new born Beta babes, the pride of the chapter, and a source of embarrassment and surprise to our rivals who had pulled for two of them long and hard in vain. They were Rucker, of the Senior law class, Pearson and Jackson, of the Junior law class, and Thomason, of the literary department. The last mentioned was taken from a veritable nest of the opposition, rooming with one of the Sigma Alpha Epsilons. Pearson was also in the house with an S. A. E., and no argument was spared by our rivals in their endeavors to convince these these two of the superiority of their fraternity.

Right in this connection permit us to refer to that contemptible letter which appeared in the S. A. E. *Record* last year. That letter referred to the "aggressiveness of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity," and

spoke of the "endeavors of said fraternity to control literary societies." We refer to this, not for the purpose of convincing anyone whose good opinion we desire that such assertions were false, absurd and ridiculous, but merely that they (which even the writer knew to be false) may not be crystallized by tacit acquiescence. We believe, too, that the "Sigs," in the months that followed after were made to realize the lack of that "good sense and sound judgment" in initiating men without badging them, in the hope of *compromising* (?) upon them for honors. (But do not infer that we believe them to have entirely abandoned their favorite scheme.) Our chapter has never taken action as a body in a single contest. Every movement that has been made by the Betas in this university has been a defensive movement and made solely by the members of the society in which the contest occurred. It has never been our desire to bring our fraternity into literary societies, and we sincerely hope that we shall never again be compelled to scheme in any society, though we do not fear our rivals in a contest of whatsoever nature where honor and fair play preside. None of the graduates acquitted themselves with more honor last June than did the Betas. We were all delighted to have brother George Ward with us for a short time this month.

Hallett Harding, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

We began the year with nine men, having lost five by graduation and otherwise. Of the graduates, Burkholder instructs German in Halstead city schools; Templin is assistant to the professor of mathematics in University of Kansas, and Curry, who recently remembered us with a visit, soon leaves to pursue a theological course in the University of Edinburgh. Of the absent undergraduates, Tomlin is a book-keeper at his home in Winfield, and Weightman expects to return, in the near future, to swell the ranks of the chapter. All the honors taken by the chapters during Commencement have been duly reported hitherto with one exception: Doran won the Field prize in oratory. While we maintained our usual good showing on the rostrum, we welcomed our lady friends and visiting brothers to join us in our chapter hall in making the last Commencement a most memorable occasion to the brothers of '86. A grand banquet awaited them, and the final triumph of the year was ushered in. Sixty guests met at the festal board, and all was gaiety and merriment till they who were no longer to be reckoned among our number bade adieu to the "dear old hall" with all its memorable associations. Though they are absent, we feel that there is an inseparable link of memory that binds the present to the past—a tie that fails not even amid the graver cares of life.

A heated summer passed, we reassembled under circumstances most auspicious. The superior advantages offered by our institution, its greatly increased facilities and general recognition in the West brought to its doors a class of students surpassing in number and general ability any year of its history. Out from this goodly number three have

united with us, Joseph Jacobs, '89; Fred. Pickering and F. M. Bear, '90, all strong men and good workers. The chapter has enjoyed recent visits from brothers George B. Watson, '84, and Pliny L. Soper, '81, both of whom have gone to Columbia College, to complete their legal studies. They bear with them the best wishes of the chapter to their new Beta associations.

W. T. Caywood, Cor. Sec.

MAINE STATE.

The college year opened with the entrance of twenty-nine Freshmen and three upper-class men, which brings the total number up to one hundred and makes all the classes of very good size. A marked change has been made in the faculty of the college by the resignation of C. H. Fernald, professor of natural history, and the election of Mr. F. L. Harvey, of Iowa, as his successor. Professor Harvey entered upon his duties at the commencement of the term and is giving good satisfaction. Professor Fernald is now professor of natural history in the Amherst Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

Beta Eta has enjoyed unusual prosperity and her members are more than ever united in brotherly love. This term is the "trial trip," as it were, of our new chapter house. It is commodious and comfortable, having nine study rooms on the second floor, and on the second floor a reception and chapter room, connected by folding doors, a dining-hall, kitchen and lavatories. It has a fine outlook onto the river and neighboring towns, is surrounded by spreading elms, and has a tasty lawn in front. Inside it is well appointed, the greater number of the rooms being heated by a furnace. Our cooking facilities are very complete, and we can bake and carve a good canine now without much outside assistance. The rooms occupied by the members are carpeted, tastefully arranged and home-like.

Beta Eta had her complement of prizes and honors at the last Commencement, taking the first and second Sophomore prizes and having the best essay in the graduating class. She graduated six men, all at present out in the world and doing themselves and her much credit. The society roll now numbers sixteen, having recently been enlarged by the initiation of A. H. White, '89; J. W. Edgerly, '89, and E. H. Kelley, '90. We have two other men pledged, and expect to close the term with a goodly number of members. We were fortunate in having our chapter represented at the Cincinnati convention by so good a brother and so staunch a Beta as Ralph K. Jones, Jr., of Bangor, who acted as our delegate. He brought us back a glowing account of the meeting and "enthused" us anew with vivid portraits of those prominent Betas whom he saw at Cincinnati. This letter must, of necessity, be a short one, but we hope to give a good account of Beta Eta's progress when our December semi-annual is issued.

J. R. Boardman, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

We open the new year with unusually good prospects of continued and increasing prosperity. We have secured a chapter house at last, in the shape of a cottage of seven rooms, which we have rented furnished, and supplemented with two rooms in an adjoining house. We run the entire establishment ourselves, on an inexpensive but comfortable scale, and thus far have experienced nothing but the most advantageous results. All the fraternities here now have approximations toward a chapter house, with the exception of Phi Delta Theta. Our rivals now are (1) Delta Kappa Epsilon, (2) Chi Phi, (3) Delta Epsilon, (4) Phi Delta Theta, and (5) Sigma Chi. As an aid in "rushing" men and getting acquainted with Freshmen, the house is, as every one saw, of quite incalculable value. By means of it, and as a result of some active work done through the long summer vacation, we have already pledged three men from the new class, and expect to put at least two more in the same condition before many weeks elapse. Two of these pledged men, it should be stated, are brothers of present members; but in every way possessed of intrinsic worth thoroughly fitting them for the honor now conferred upon them. The third man represents a great victory over our rivals, both on account of his own fine qualities and of the prejudice and opposition necessary to be overcome in securing him. There is every promise of several lively contests this year. The new class consists of 112 members, a number rather larger than usual, and contains much good material for our purposes. We enter this year with twelve active members; having lost brothers Austin and Twiner by graduation, Magee by transfer to the Sigma, at Stevens Institute of Technology, and Evans by temporary withdrawal from college. We thus are left with three Seniors, seven Juniors, and two Sophomores. Our list of *fratres in urbe* is increased by the arrival of brother Forbes, of Omega and Lambda, who has returned to this coast, having finished the course of legal study which he has been pursuing in the East.

The university has received several additions to its faculty since our last letter. Prof. E. T. Owen, formerly of the University of Wisconsin, now fills the chair of the French and Spanish languages and literature; 1st Lieutenant G. F. E. Harrison is professor of military science and tactics; Mr. Charles H. Levermore, Ph. D., (Johns Hopkins) is instructor in history; Mr. F. H. Stoddard, A. M., (Amherst) is instructor in English; Mr. J. H. Senger, A. B., (University of California) is instructor in German, and Mr. August Harding is instructor in chemistry. President Holden has excited much comment of all kinds by his prohibition of the annual rush. His commands have been strictly complied with thus far, although they infringe upon an old custom in a manner that is not at all tasteful to the warm-blooded young animals who have been deprived of their rough sport.

The National Deaf Mute Convention met in Berkeley in July. The president was P. G. Gillett, Delta, '59, and several of the delegates were also Betas, but as the term had closed, only one or two of us had

the opportunity of meeting these distinguished brothers. Brother J. L. de Fremery, '82, has received his Ph. D. degree at Heidelberg, *summa cum laude*.
Finlay Cook, Cor. Sec.

DENISON.

Last Commencement was an eventful one at Denison. Open misdemeanors had

" Evoked that little 'stern decree'
 From college august 'powers that be.' "

and several suspensions together with three "compulsory graduations" had been the result. Dissatisfaction rife among the resident trustees, students *en masse* and towns-people, and the president's open disapproval of the action taken by his contemporaries in the faculty, culminated at Commencement time in the presentation to the trustees, at their annual meeting, of the resignation of our president, and of a petition for the reinstatement of the three "immaturely graduated" Seniors. The president's resignation was accepted and the petition not entirely ignored. The vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of President Owen was filled pro. tem. and the trustees, now thoroughly awakened, took immediate steps toward furthering the interests of Denison; to this end strenuous efforts were put forth during the summer months and the results is that Denison, though under some of the inclemencies to which all schools are liable, is by no means prone beneath them; but with her "large endowment, able professors," and an attendance far above the average, in *personis et mentibus*, is harder at work than ever.

The fraternities represented here are Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta, the former placed here in 1868, at the same time with Beta Theta Pi, and the latter established in 1885. Mu of Sigma Chi died in '76 but was revived in '80. Our Alpha Eta was inactive during the school year 1878-79, but was not erased from the fraternity chapter roll, running *sub rosa* for some time. The chapters are all on very friendly terms and the competition between them is not of the bitter nature that, in so many of our institutions, makes fraternities appear despicable. Spites will at times arise only to quickly wear away and exist as mere unpleasant memories in the minds of those who love to brood over petty grievances, courting envy and harboring spite. Prizes in scholarship are not awarded, but prizes granted to the Sophomore essayists were awarded to Alpha Eta men in the winter and spring terms of last year. Prizes granted each year for excellence in the reading of certain portions of Holy Writ were appropriately won by two men of Sigma Chi. In the field day sports of last Commencement Alpha Eta figured conspicuously, the prize for the best general athlete and various other prizes being awarded to her representatives.

The fraternities are in good shape this fall and well organized, and therefore "spiking and rushing" are not being indulged in to the

usual extent. Phi Gamma Delta alone rejoices in "strengthened ranks," and two "barbs" sport the "royal purple." Alpha Eta is well organized and therefore well content; with eleven strong active members and four resident enthusiastic alumni, her promise is as fair as the most exacting could desire.

R. P. Smith, Cor. Sec.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Washington and Jefferson Gamma is the oldest chapter of continual existence in the fraternity, but she does not as yet begin to show her age in any other way than by her long roll of distinguished graduates. We commence the new college year with bright prospects. We lost two men in the last graduating class, brothers Brownson and Medill, and—what is experienced by all of our sister chapters—some of our boys have fallen by the way-side, and in this way we have lost three, brothers Brown, Stewart and Vance, of the Sophomore class. However, in spite of these losses, we enter on this year with seven men. As yet we have suffered no "barb" to enter the sacred portals of Wooglin, having agreed among ourselves to "lay hands suddenly on no man." We hold the balance of power in the Sophomore class, in which we have five men. Our weak place is the Senior class, as in it we have no representative of the Beta badge, nor have we as yet any Freshmen, though we hope that state of affairs will not long exist. We have had our share of class honors in the past year and are receiving them in the present year. We have rented and partially furnished a good room for a chapter hall, and, taking all things into consideration, we think we may say that Gamma's prospects have never been brighter.

Jos. D. Jack, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The harmony which characterizes Lambda chapter has, perhaps, never been more prominent than during the past year, all of our undertakings being attended with just enough friction to produce that activity which is essential to the healthy development of chapter life. During the year our membership varied somewhat; beginning with fifteen in October, we numbered twenty-one at Commencement. This numerical growth increased the strength of the chapter very materially, and our annual reinforcements from sister chapters were especially right royal fellows. Although class honors, of which we have always enjoyed our full share, are things of the past in the university, we can review the past year with pleasure and recall noteworthy triumphs, enthusiastic meetings, and successful initiations, which predict greater things in the future for us. On June 30th we held our biennial reunion. Major W. C. Ransom presided and the introductions were in his happiest vein. The toasts were full of good humor and wit that pleased the half hundred banqueters. Those who responded were brothers Hon.

Wm. A. Moore, Hon. O. F. Price, E. B. Chandler, W. W. Dedrick, J. H. Elliot, J. E. Beal, D. A. Garwood, Geo. B. Watson, and C. L. Andrews. The exercises were interspersed throughout with rousing chapter songs, and the doxology closed the evening's joys with the conviction of all that the occasion was the acme of Lambda reunions.

The outlook for the coming year is very auspicious. The loss of four men by graduation and two by temporary absence weakened our force very much; but with the arrival of brothers Harmon, of Beta, Clark, of Alpha Nu, and the return of brother Shattuck, who has been out a year on account of ill health, thus allowing us to number eight Seniors, three Juniors, and seven Sophomores, we are ready and anxious to meet our rivals in the present campaign. Up to the present we have initiated three and have three more pledged. The incoming class is especially rich in fraternity material, and we entertain no fears lest we do not get our share. The university seems to be entering upon a new era. The new mechanical laboratory has just been opened and facilities in general for teaching the sciences have been greatly increased. Not only these facts but the fact that the enrollment in every department shows a great increase over that of any former year indicates that the institution is making a great stride forward. The most important changes in the faculty are, brother Levi T. Griffin to succeed Prof. Kent in the law department, and Prof. Carhart, of Northwestern, to occupy the chair of physics. Brother Geo. W. Whyte, '87, has been appointed assistant in the chemical laboratory.

Louis B. Lee, Cor. Sec.

WABASH.

The college year ending June 16th marked a most successful period in the history of Tau chapter. The exercises of Commencement week were unusually interesting, and were attended by a very large number of visitors from abroad. Tau not only excelled her own record in the matter of honors, but also that of any other fraternity or combination. Thomson was orator of the graduating class and Maxwell delivered the farewell address in the Freshman declamation contest. Our then preps. also achieved success in their department. Cain took first prize in declamation and Condit and Boudinot were awarded first and second prizes for essay. We gave a dance and supper in our chapter hall on the Saturday evening preceding Commencement, which proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Quite a number of our alumni were present upon the occasion. At the meeting of the board of college trustees it was decided to raise an additional endowment of \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing two new chairs, also to charge no tuition in the prep. department. The annual howl for co-education was brought before them, but, as usual, failed to obtain over three or four votes. Our fall term opened September 8th with a larger attendance than ever before. The Freshman class numbers over fifty and the other classes have increased in proportion. The struggle for new men was entered into with great zeal by the several fraternities. We, as usual, emerged from the smoke

of battle victorious, and have initiated Harry E. Seaton, of Richmond, Ind., and Samuel A. Morrison, of Laporte, Ind., both members of the Freshman class. This gives us an active membership of eleven. As regards our rivals we can only say that, with the exception of Psi Kappa Psi, they are all numerically prosperous. Phi Delta Theta numbers 19, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi 10 each, and Phi Kappa Psi 4. These figures will in all probability be very materially changed by time of our next report, as the "fall campaign" is not yet over, and Phi Delta Theta is busy preparing for a "grand round up." Those of our number who attended the convention report themselves highly pleased, and have already expressed a determination to attend the Chautauqua convention, as also have several others who failed to be present last August.

J. A. Greene, Cor. Sec.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The year 1885-86 was, apparently, a prosperous and pleasant one to each of the fraternity chapters in the Ohio University. The aggregate of fraternity men in college was larger than it had been for several years, the number of students in attendance also being larger than at any previous time in the past twelve years. In the annual contest between the two literary societies six members of the societies take part. Of these, at the last Commencement, two were Betas, Cal Humphrey being essayist from the Athenian society and G. W. Reed debater from the Philomathean. The alumni address was delivered by Rev. Earl Cranston, a member of Beta Kappa chapter and of the class of '66.

College opened this year in a highly satisfactory condition. The number of students in attendance is somewhat larger than last year. The faculty has been increased by the addition of a chair of pedagogy and mental philosophy, also of an assistant professorship of physics. Dr. J. P. Gordy, a graduate of Middletown University and of Leipsic University, has been elected to the former position and Wilbur M. Stine, of Dickinson college, to the latter. Further additions to the faculty will probably be made during the year. Miss Ebert, a native of Germany and a graduate of some German institution, fills the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Wheeler as professor of modern languages.

At the close of last year our chapter consisted of ten men. At the beginning of this year only eight returned. Del. Johnson was compelled to stay out by the ill-health of his father. John Johnson will teach in Morgan County, O. After the beginning of the term, S. M. Gillillan accepted a position in the schools at Stockton, Utah. Thus we have at present seven men, of whom one is a Senior, two are Juniors, two Sophomores and two Freshmen. Our chapter, though small, (as the chapters at the Ohio University are) is harmonious and on good terms with its rivals, and we look forward to a pleasant and successful year. We are represented on the editorial staff of the *Philomathenian* by Higgins and McVey, as editors-in-chief, and Skinner as exchange

editor. The chapter meets on Monday evening of each week. Our meetings are purely social in character, as we find it impossible to make literary exercises either profitable or agreeable on account of the amount of literary work required by the faculty and the societies.

The Ohio conference of the M. E. Church, which lately held its session here, brought several Betas to Athens. Among others, some of us had the pleasure of meeting brothers Runyan, of Delaware, and Martin, of De Pauw, who were here on business connected with the conference. We have lost trace of many of our alumni, and would be very glad to hear from them. If any of the alumni have not received copies of our semi-annual, it is because we do not know their addresses.

G. W. Reed, Cor. Sec.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

The past year was one of eventful changes. We began with thirteen members, four were initiated, and eight left the chapter, four of whom were Seniors. Of these Irwin is in the Piqua National Bank; Park, on account of ill-health, is in California; Greer is at present traveling for a lumber house, and Pennington is reading law in Toledo. By graduation Griffin, who, being the only Senior left us, was our main stand-by, was lost; he is now in Dakota. At Commencement two new names were added to our roll, Guy M. Clarke, '90, of New Holland, O., and Clyde S. Ford, '89, of Benwood, W. Va. Brother Clarke was one of the orators chosen to speak at the exhibition of the preparatory department in June.

All the members who closed the year with us have returned, giving the chapter a strong position at the start. Our roll is as follows: Withrow, '87; Smith, Talbert, Manly, '88; Young, Sowers, Starr, Webb, Ford, '89; Clarke, '90. The attendance at the Ohio Wesleyan University is larger than ever before, there being now over six hundred and fifty students enrolled in the various departments. However, there is not a large number of new students who entered Freshmen. The large majority of the collegiate classes receive their preparation in the academic department connected with the Ohio Wesleyan University. It is the custom of the fraternities at Commencement to make their selections and initiations from the incoming Freshman class. Among those entering Freshmen this year, the fraternity material does not seem very plentiful, but in the preparatory classes there are quite a number of men whom the fraternities will have time and opportunity to look over and examine. Theta has not been backward in looking after her interests. Of course, the "rushing" season is not over yet, but we are ready to report progress. On the evening of October 1st we made up our first sacrifice to Wooglin in the shape of Oliver Hiatt, of Toledo. Brother Hiatt is a Freshman, and after careful consideration (though some of our rivals wished him to do otherwise) decided to cast his lot with us.

Our rivals are all in good condition. Thus far there have been ten men initiated into the various fraternities, only four of these being new

men. The numerical strength of our rivals is as follows : Delta Tau Delta, twelve ; Phi Kappa Psi eleven ; Phi Gamma Delta, nine ; Phi Delta Theta, eight ; Chi Phi, seven. The relations between the different fraternities are very harmonious, and, we trust, may long continue so. Of late the Ohio Wesleyan University has been making rapid progress in pan-hellenism. Withrow is our representative on the college publication, *The Transcript*, holding the position of local editor.

Ernest Smith, Cor. Ed.

WESTMINSTER.

The first meeting of Alpha Delta for the year 1886-87 was marked by the absence of five brothers, three of whom were lost by graduation—brothers Bradley, Grant and McCausland. Brother Grant is taking a course in medicine in the city, and meets with us regularly. Brothers Dobyns and Stagg left us to finish their course of study in the theological seminary, the former going to McCormick Seminary, Chicago, the latter to the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn. Failing health prevented brother C. F. Nesbit, '89, from returning to college, but we hope to have him with us the last term. The present condition of Alpha Delta is excellent and the outlook is bright. The active chapter is composed of men in the higher classes, mostly Juniors and Seniors, while nearly all are Betas of experience and long standing. Our last initiation took place May 3d, when the name of W. L. Black, was added to our roll. Every member is active, earnest and enthusiastic, awake to the every interest of Alpha Delta and solicitous of the welfare of our fraternity. So far we have waged a quiet but very successful campaign. We have three men pledged and a few more safely on our line. In every attempt to secure a man we have succeeded, and further intend to know nothing but success. We are at peace with our rival, Phi Delta Theta, which is in a rather somnolent condition this year. We were represented at the Cincinnati convention and intend to send at least one delegate to Chautauqua next summer.

R. Lee Simpson, Cor. Sec.

ST. LAWRENCE.

With the graduation of the class of '86 Beta Zeta lost three men, brothers Barnes, Church and Robinson, all of whom have since successfully entered upon their chosen fields of labor—Barnes and Church as teachers, Robinson as civil engineer. Our annual reunion, held this year, as heretofore, on Tuesday evening of Commencement week, was one of the largest and most enjoyable in the memory of Beta Zeta. The Commencement concert, under the auspices of the graduating class, was unusually fine, and in large part the success of the occasion was due to the untiring efforts of brother Church, as chairman of the committee on music. In college honors Beta Zeta still holds her enviable position. In the past year a fair share of prizes has come to her. Her

men have been entrusted with the most important offices in the gift of students, and at Commencement she was glad to realize that in the class of '86 brother Church had for all four years held first place in classics and brother Robinson first place in mathematics.

At the beginning of this term we started in with fourteen members, since which time five carefully-chosen barbarians have been admitted to our number. Our only rival—and it can scarcely be called a rival—is the chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. The men of this Alpha Tau chapter are good “workers,” but, notwithstanding their active campaign, Beta Zeta has had her choice of the newcomers and has lost none that she cares to have. This college year has opened full of promise for St. Lawrence. The entrance of a large Freshman class has increased the college roll very materially over that of former years. All rejoice at the immediate prospect of an increased endowment, and with it the establishment of two new professorships.

Within the walls of Beta Zeta the true “Greek” spirit pervades the heart of every brother, and, as hand clasps hand and we again enter the busy world of college life, it is with the firm assurance that for the coming year, as in the past, the members of Beta Zeta will not allow themselves to be excelled as loyal students and true-hearted brothers.

Charles Averell Rich, Cor. Sec.

MADISON.

During last year our chapter consisted of twelve men. We lost three by graduation, and when the fall term opened two of our old members, F. A. Gallup and W. A. St. John, '88, failed to return. We were thus left with only seven men, but went into the campaign determined to bring the chapter up to the old standard, and our efforts were crowned with success. Having three pledged men in advance from Colgate Academy, our wants were small compared with the other fraternities here that run larger chapters, and so must necessarily work for *numbers*. In this campaign we plainly saw the advantage of our policy of a small chapter over our rivals; for whereas we wanted two men, they wanted from five to ten each. That Madison is evidently growing is clearly shown by the entrance of a Freshman class of forty-five men. From this number we had little difficulty in selecting two desirable men, and convincing them that Beta Theta Pi. was the place for them. Upon the night of the initiation we were all in good spirits, for we had brought our membership up to what we consider the best working chapter—a round dozen. Thus we stood equal in numbers to our last year's chapter, and confident of success in the coming year. There are two Seniors, one Junior, four Sophmores, and five Freshmen.

Of prizes and honors, we have carried off at least our share. W. E. Weed, '86, was awarded the fifth honor of his class. The first Lasher essay prize was awarded to W. H. Crawshaw, '87. In the Kingsford prize contest in declamation we had two contestants, W. H. Crawshaw and H. C. Lyman, '87, who bore off both first and second prizes respectively in the Junior class. On this year's *Madisonensis*

corps we have the editor-in-chief, W. H. Crawshaw, '87, and the business manager, H. C. Lyman, '87. The remainder of the corps consist of two Delta U.'s and one Deke. W. H. Crawshaw, '87, has received the appointment of Senior Wrangler. He still holds the position of assistant professor of rhetoric. Wm. Manguse, '90, took the second Dodge entrance prize. Our two Seniors will appear in the Montgomery prize contest in declamation, October 8. During Commencement week we received visits from many of our alumni. The outlook for the coming year is good. Our men are all in good working order, and willing to work ; there is perfect harmony in the chapter and everything bids fair to success.

Horace G. McKean, Cor. Sec.

BROWN.

Since our last letter Commencement has come and passed, robbing us of four of our best men, brothers Ward, Willis, Gunderson and Lawton. We deeply regret their absence from our ranks, for they certainly did honor to themselves and to Kappa. Ward was elected class-day orator at Commencement ; Gunderson was the well-known captain and pitcher of the base-ball nine ; Willis was chairman of the '86 *Liber* board. Colwell, of '87, and Sherman, of '88, have left us during the last year. We were sorry to hear, on our return, that brother Robert L. Spencer, of '89, would not return, owing to the sudden death of his father during the summer, whose extensive business he was obliged to attend to. Brother Clark, our noted base-ball catcher, has gone to Williams. Thus we have lost quite a number of first-quality men.

The new class is unusually large, and with the special feature of having a large choice of a fine quality. The work of completing the different delegations has been somewhat tardy by nearly all the societies. The Dekes, as usual, are great in "quantity." The Alpha Delta now have their regular delegation, also the Psi U.'s. One of the discouraging features of a campaign is a small working force, but, although contending under this disadvantage, we, as a chapter, have worked together, and with a unanimity of feeling characteristic of Kappa, and with the ever-grateful and ready assistance of a few of our alumni, our chapter will surely hold her own, as it always has done heretofore. We have succeeded in winning the interest of seven of the new class, besides having two under consideration in '89. At the present writing nothing is decisive, yet we can confidently lay claim to at least six out of the number ; we hope to report exactly at our next writing.

Athletics at Brown are steadily gaining attention, and the interest in them steadily grows more noticeable every year. Tennis is, also, a great favorite. A very successful tournament has just been completed, and even the faculty catch the enthusiasm. A series of base-ball games between the classes for the class pennant has been inaugurated and the spirit of rivalry in this respect is quite strong. There have been no special changes of new note in the college

curriculum during the past year. The Zeta Psi have their new chapter apparently well under way. Our other rivals maintain their usual standing.

Charles A. Sawyer, Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND.

We lost four good men with the close of last year, yet some five remained to us to return this fall to work for our chapter. Honors were not showered upon us last year, yet we held our own among our rivals, and received a goodly share in the distribution of prizes. We lost brothers Pollard and Leroy Lyon by graduation and brothers Tanner, Cutler and Stacy have entered the commercial life in the city, thereby giving us an opportunity of seeing them often. As an outline of our last year's work: Pollard received his A. M. and Lyon his A. B., also receiving the Philadelphia medal, which is considered the best medal given. In the competitive contest for the Reader's medal, Laws obtained a place among the best three, and Roy was the successful contestant for the Wood's declamation medal and was also on the staff of the *Messenger*. Brother Betting, of New York, an old alumnus of Alpha Kappa, delivered the alumni address at the Commencement, doing credit to himself and to his fraternity. We gave, as usual, our final "Dorg," which was, indeed, an enjoyable affair, enhanced by the presence of several of our alumni. Our prospects for this session are quite promising. The college opened on September 23rd, with 114 students. Many more are expected, the outlook being brighter than for some time past. We are all working well together and have our eyes set on two or three good men, the development of which campaign we shall write of later. We cordially invite all Betas passing through Richmond to call upon us, and promise them a genuine "Old Virginia" welcome.

C. L. Laws, Cor. Sec.

VANDERBILT.

We began the new year with fewer men than we had last year, although fifteen is not usually considered to be a small chapter. We have that number of active members, besides our representation in the faculty. We initiated, after the issuance of our last semi-annual, Prof. E. E. Barnard, the celebrated astronomer, who is in charge of the university observatory, besides holding a position as assistant instructor in astronomy. He is now pursuing a C. E. course and holding a post-graduate fellowship in engineering. Kirkpatrick graduated, taking B. E. and receiving the Founder's medal for scholarship in the academic department. Ferrell, Pusey, Ellis and Smith took their M. A. degrees. Brother Ferrell is pursuing special studies and holding the fellowship in Greek. Smith is a teacher in the Nashville high schools, and is also taking special studies in the university. Branch is holding the chair of

mathematics in an Oregon college, while Ellis is filling that of Latin in the Missouri State College. Harris took B. A., and is taking law this year. Summers took B. L., and now has a lucrative position in the pension office at Washington. Guild, Robertson and Patten are not attending the university this year. Our members in the faculty are: Dr. Hoss, in the theological department; Dr. Safford, natural history and geology; Prof. Kelly, in dental department, and Dr. Thornburg in the engineering department.

The university has opened with bright prospects and a large increase in attendance. The number of students will range from 600 to 650. We have not yet made any additions to our chapter, but very shortly three more will be wearing the pink and blue. Work, not numbers, is what we seek. Our sister fraternities are prospering. Fourteen of our alumni are residing in the city. The athletic association is preparing to do good work. The base-ball club, tennis, and foot-ball associations are booming. The pitcher of the university nine is our brother Smith, who has won a big reputation as a "twister."

Dr. Dudley, of Covington, Ky., is now professor of chemistry. The death of Dr. Jas. Wm. Dodd deprived the university of a Christian and scholarly gentleman. He was popularly called "Uncle Billy" by the boys, who loved him dearly. Dr. Kirkland, Ph. D., Leipzig, has been selected to fill the chair of Latin, made vacant by the death of Dr. Dodd.

Lucius S. Merriam, Cor. Sec.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

As was reported in our annual of last year, only one initiation was made during the session; but though our name was not "legion," yet, after having gotten rid of certain little embarrassments that threatened at first the successful operation of the chapter, we passed a most pleasant and happy session. Our boys did well in their collegiate course, and at the final examinations passed with creditable marks. The close of the session took from us four members, who depart with the best wishes of their remaining brethren. Brothers Eggleston and White received their A. B. degree, and Blanton and Hopkins completed their special courses. Eggleston is at home enjoying that peaceful rest and quiet repose for which his oppressed spirit longed so much while he was a student. Blanton has accepted a position as schoolmaster, whose duty it will be to assist in civilizing the "savages" of one of the rural districts of West Virginia. If any are girls he is the man to civilize them. Hopkins occupies a position as manager in the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Austin, Texas. We hear he keeps a pair of boots and a mounted spur as equipments, and rides in all the processions the country affords, whether they be picnic, Knights of Labor, or political demonstrations. White is studying law at the University of Virginia. Our chapter was liberally represented in the Commencement exercises. The president and historian of the Senior class; presenter of the Senior medal, and two of the Junior speakers for the "Phip" Society were

furnished by Zeta. We held no banquet at the close of session, as "Dorgs," etc., had been indulged in so frequently during the year that it was feared lest such an entertainment would not prove attractive.

The session of '86 opened September 2d with a fair number of new barbarians. The process of fraternization has been tried on one here and there; but after mature examination it has been decided that very few could stand our test, consequently, we have as yet made no initiations. We are, however, pleased with the general bearing of one or two of our new friends, and, most probably, will extend them an invitation to unite with us. Our active list numbers six; and we have several resident alumni. We are much gratified that brother W. H. Bocock has been elected professor of Greek in our college. This gives Zeta four members of the faculty, including the president. They are as follows: Dr. McIlwaine and Professors Holladay, Blair and Bocock. We have at Union Seminary in our immediate vicinity, three brethren; namely, Campbell, Stribling, and Wilson. Also Holladay, an alumnus who has recently graduated at the Louisville Medical College and passed the examination before the state medical board, has settled in our midst and intends to practice his profession here. Brother Drew is also established in our village as a druggist. He recently graduated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and took the highest honors of the class.

Whereas we have many things to be thankful for, we have sustained an irretrievable loss in the sad death of our friend and brother, Stockton T. Mosby. He has gone from among us, but we shall not forget him; and in after years, when others enter into the bonds of Beta Theta Pi, it shall be our faithful privilege to teach them to revere the memory of one who was ever a true brother.

W. A. Watson, Cor. Sec.

CENTRE.

Our prospects at the opening of the term were not at all bright, for, although we had a large chapter last year, our ranks were considerably reduced by graduation and other means. We had five men in last year's graduating class, and several other members deserted us to enter into business. Only five responded to the first roll call.

None of our rivals were very strong numerically, and we had the consolation of being their equals in that regard. We were very successful, and were fortunate to secure every man we "spiked." The other fraternities here certainly cannot say the same, as all of our men were invited to join some one of the other fraternities, and some of them all.

Our first initiation was on the 25th of September, when our roll was increased by the addition of Jas. Denny and B. F. Bowen, '88, and Allen, '90. Brothers Boyle, '84, and Briggs, '85, assisted us in the ceremonies. Our "babe" is Jno. B. Dailey, '89, of Paris, Texas, who was introduced to the mysteries of Old Wooglin on October 7th. He bears the honors of the office gracefully. We now feel ourselves on a

firm foundation, and hope, by the perfect harmony which exists among our members, to sustain the high standard which has always characterized our chapter and fraternity. Our rivals are the same as heretofore, and are, in order of numbers, Phi Delta Theta, 10; Kappa Alpha, 9; and Sigma Chi, 7. Very little rivalry exists among them.

Centre College has about the same number of students as usual. It has a good endowment and sends out year by year a larger number of graduates than any other institution in the state. Dr. Beatty, the president, resigned last year on account of his advanced age; having been connected in the capacity of various branches for fifty years; but the board of trustees declined to accept his resignation until a successor could be appointed; therefore, he still holds the office.

Clarence Mathews, Cor. Sec.

DE PAUW.

The opening of the new year finds De Pauw University enjoying a healthful and vigorous prosperity. The enrollment exceeds by one hundred that of any previous year. The dormitories are full to overflowing. The gallery doors of the chapel which, from lack of use, were rusting on their hinges have now to be thrown open to accommodate the large crowds attending Sabbath afternoon lectures. The symptoms of discontent prevailing in the ladies' hall last year have vanished, and under the present management rooms have been eagerly sought. The students are all of high grade and better class, and everything bids fair to render this a year of harmonious efficiency.

Of our annual chapter banquet and reunion last June it is needless to say anything, as it is an established affair, and has ever been characterized by all those features which can add enjoyment to the reunion of warm personal friends. As is mentioned elsewhere, on the occasion of the departure of our brother, Dr. H. A. Gobin, to accept the presidency of Baker University, Kansas, we gave him a reception in our hall. Among the guests present were president Martin, vice-president John and Mrs. John, Dr. Bowman, dean of theology, and Mrs. Bowman, H. H. Mathias, professor of law, and Mrs. Mathias, and including, of course, the choicest of De Pauw's fair ones. Pleasant talks expressive of regard for Dr. Gobin and the enjoyable character of the evening were given by Drs. Martin, Bowman, and John. The latter, not being a fraternity man, expressed extreme pleasure at the high state of civilization he found prevailing in the Beta Athenian community. It is not unfair to say that this was the most elegant social affair that college circles have seen for lengths of days.

We have a present membership of sixteen. We have initiated two men, Ernest Walker of New Albany and D. K. Armstrong of Indianapolis, last year a teacher in the New Albany high school. After securing the adjutancy, quartermastership, three captaincies and first lieutenantcy in the military department, we have left the majorship and a few other crumbs to starving Lazarites.

The change of the magazine from a monthly to a quarterly meets with favorable comment.

Eugene Hector, Cor. Sec.

MISCELLANY.

"By Way of Wooglin."

What Beta who joined hands in that great circle in the cabin of the excursion steamer on the last day of the Cincinnati convention can soon forget the joyous enthusiasm which mingled with the regret of parting? The mighty shout of "Hi! hi! hi! Beta Theta Pi," which rang out over the Ohio as the boat reached her moorings, will linger long in our ears. But with that shout the "boys" were gone—north, south, east, west—and we grew sober for a moment to think that we should see most of them no more. Will you permit me, brother editor, to follow, in fancy, the flight of one fragment of the large body?

Time and again we had been urged, by older and younger brothers, "go home 'by way of Wooglin,'" and "by way of Wooglin" we finally decided to go. We left Cincinnati at 8:30 Saturday morning, on the N. Y., P. & O., for Lakewood. The party mustered eleven men, representing eight different chapters and four different districts. The second district was represented by four delegates from Cornell, Union and Madison; the third district by two delegates from Johns Hopkins and the University of Pennsylvania; the fourth district by two delegates from Richmond, and the sixth district by three delegates from Miami and Denison. We had among us a vice-president and an assistant secretary of the convention, and several members of important committees. So you see that, considering all that we were and all that we represented, we felt ourselves to be quite a dignified and important body. But, better than all that, we were a company of "jolly Greeks;" and, in spite of the dust and the heat and the tedium of the long ride, we kept things lively all the day. Two things which especially troubled us were the superfluity of dirt and the scarcity of *Δορυ*. One of our Ohio boys nearly fell into a water tank in trying to get his face washed, and one of the New York Greeks got so hungry that he made the acquaintance of a pair of fair damsels who had some nice peaches. Brother D. was generous enough to share the spoils. But space will not serve to speak of the numerous—and humorous—events of our day's travel.

We reached Lakewood in an exhausted condition about 8:30 P. M. After the close, oven-like city which we had left, and the long, hot ride which we had just finished, the lake was an earthly paradise. Overcoats were a comfort, as we sat till a late hour on the veranda of

the hotel, chatting and listening to the tinkling of a guitar beneath the deft fingers of our musical Betas. Our prospects of reaching Wooglin looked problematical, for no one about the hotel seemed to know or care whether there was a boat up the lake in the morning, or whether we could get up at all the next day. But as we were calmly eating breakfast on Sunday morning we suddenly heard the shrill whistle of the steamer coming up the lake. Those of us who had secured a meal smiled grimly as we grasped our grip-sacks and made for the boat. The less fortunate execrated their hard fate, as they turned unwillingly from the unassimilated *Δογη*, and one belated brother, who had not yet descended, was left to take his meal at leisure.

The morning ride up the lake was thoroughly enjoyable ; but we must not linger, for we are in haste to reach our destination. Reaching Point Chautauqua, we took carriages for Wooglin, where we shortly arrived. The guests were few in number, but we met with a most cordial welcome, and made some very pleasant acquaintances. We also had the pleasure of meeting "Pater" Knox and his wife. And what shall we say of Wooglin ? It has been described and written about many times within the past two or three years, and we can add little to what has been said. It is a place in which to spend a whole glorious summer of mingled idleness and exercise. As we sat upon the veranda on that warm Sunday afternoon, looking out over the beautiful lake, and watching the sun slowly sinking toward the west, it almost seemed as though we had reached the land of the Lotos-Eaters, of which Tennyson sings so dreamily :

"In the afternoon they came unto a land,
In which it seemed always afternoon."

And one almost felt disposed to echo the call :

"O, rest ye, brother mariners, we will not wander more."

But wander we must, and soon our little band of Betas, broken into component parts, was scattered to the four winds. And now, lest, in a dream of fair Wooglin, we wander on into indefinite reverie, we will cease, hoping that the eleven "jolly Greeks" who returned home "by way of Wooglin" may meet again at that charming Beta retreat with the brothers of the convention of 1887.

W. H. C.

A Permanent Chautauqua Convention.

The choice of Wooglin-on-Chautauqua as the place of the next convention receives my entire consent; in fact, I am vastly pleased. I was one of the "happy band" who attended the convention of 1884 at this place, and I don't think I shall soon forget the wonderful fun of the time or the shining delights of the locality. It was a spot we partially could call our own; and we certainly made it all our own and enjoyed it as such. There was the handsome, roomy club-house, a great social concern in itself, with plenty of comfort and good treatment; while the outer surroundings, in the shape of lawns, trees, and lake-front, were in the highest degree attractive. So much for the house and grounds. Then, in addition, we who were at Wooglin had full and convenient opportunity to visit all the neighboring resorts of summer vacation fame. Just across the lake from us, at one point of those enchanting distances visible from our broad verandas, lies Maysville, a considerable town for railroads and mint juleps and other necessary conveniences of the tourist and visitor. Down the lake from Maysville, on the same side, are situated the famous Assembly Grounds and Summer University, devoted to learning, flirting, Methodists and pleasant entertainments. This was at a distance of about two miles the way the steamer runs. And on the same shore with Wooglin, about a mile and a half below and nearly opposite the Assembly juts Point Chautauqua, now fast becoming one of the favorite resorts on the lake—for frivolity and flies. But, to do it justice, it also contains a post-office, a beautiful hotel (and some not beautiful but cheaper), a large cluster of charming cottages and cottagers, a slippery ball-room and a dainty little theater with "bald-head" seats for comic opera. All these localities are within easy reach of the club-house, not to speak of more extended excursions by steamer down the lake and visits to half-a-dozen other resorts of lesser or greater calibre, chief among which are Lakewood and Jamestown. Indeed, the whole lake, in its entire twenty-two miles' curving length, is only one vast, varied hilarious outing in the summer season, with unspeakable charms of cool air and lovely scenery.

Now all this mention is but a reminiscence of personal experience in the past, and I only refer to it to show what is the environment of a Chautauqua convention. How different from a city convention, where, although alumni are hearty and generous, and enthusiasm is rampant, the surroundings and circumstances are not most conducive to pleasure. You find the city somnolent in summer heat and dullness, its gay society scattered for recreation, and its streets and buildings steeped in the fervent fulness of a sultry season. You are obliged to make your

fun, you do not find it ready for you to mix in with and enjoy. This is the state of things in striking contrast with Chautauqua or any other good summer resort at the time of year when our convention meets—during the college vacation.

The most natural and delightful inference that comes to my mind as a result of these slight reflections is that we habitually ought to hold our conventions at a place where there are some such enjoyable advantages of location as will afford us diversion and entertainment. Thus an additional attraction would be given the event, and delegates and visitors would attend much more largely, knowing that these features were peculiarly inviting, and intending to profit by them during their stay, which would, naturally, be made less hurried than under other circumstances. Imagine, please, a whole week of convention after this improved style on the pioneer Chautauqua affair—business sessions every morning, and pleasure-seeking and frolic in the afternoon and evening. At the club-house, too, there was the charming society of lady visitors; and mothers, wives, and sweethearts were happy and diverted and courted.

Now we are already well established at Chautauqua by virtue of the house-warming we gave this club-house two summers ago—it was certainly “made hot” for some—and the lake is nearly an ideal, at the least a vast favorite, of a summer resort. It is also remarkably convenient of location to the interior of the country, and is about as ready of access as any central point of our fraternity that could well be chosen. Several trunk lines of railroad touch its shores and cater liberally for patronage. In every general respect, in fact, it seems to present every advantage of location and attractions to make it a permanent headquarters for our annual conventions. If the club-house will not hold us all, the overflow can buy lots and build cottages, or spread over into Point Chautauqua near by. Perhaps, too, in the sweet by-and-by, we might rear here on the shores of the beautiful lake our intended stately temple to Wooglin, where we would enshrine his memory in many a wild pæan resounding among its vaulted cloisters, while even the distant Si-oux would emerge from their pathless fastnesses and mingle their shrill yell with our triumphant hosannas to Wooglin and his Dorg.

Jr.

The Betas and the Tennessee Judiciary.

The fraternity has reason to be proud of the result of the late judicial contest in Tennessee. Quite a number of honors were meted

to Betas, among others two of the five places as justices of the supreme court.

Waller C. Caldwell, Mu, '71, was elected from the western division of the state, and is the youngest judge ever elected to the supreme bench in Tennessee. He received the highest vote cast in the convention which nominated the Democratic candidates. Judge Caldwell has had previous judicial training as a member of the state court for three years.

Horace H. Lurton, Mu, '67, was elected a justice of the supreme court from the middle division, leading his ticket. Judge Lurton was formerly chancellor of the sixth division, in which position he gained a state reputation as a learned and able jurist and proved his merit to promotion.

Andrew Allison, Mu, '60, was elected chancellor of the Nashville division. He has for years held a high position in the judicial department of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

George E. Seay, Mu, '60, who has for eight years presided as chancellor over his division, was honored by a re-election.

William H. Swiggart, Mu, '72, is to preside as judge of the twelfth circuit. He at one time held the position of attorney-general of the same circuit by appointment of Gov. Bate.

John J. Dupuy, Mu, '60, after sixteen years' service as attorney-general of the fourteenth circuit, declined a re-election.

S. C. W.

Briefly Submitted Without Argument.

"FIRST look upon *this* picture, then on *that*." The following extract we take from the July issue of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* (correcting misprints and emendating the Greek):

The BETA THETA PI for May is about as uninteresting as the majority of those blue-covered sheets which it has been our lot to wade through. The great similarity of the articles, and the spirit of "Wooglinism" pervading them, weary the "profane" reader. Indeed, there is little between the blue covers to fix our attention; no literary articles worthy of mention; no Greek news; no exchange department; nothing but "Beta," "Wooglin" and the "*Δογμς*." If the eyes of that Grand (?) Old (?) Fraternity were not closed in their own fat, they might, perhaps, see something in the fraternity world worthy of notice, which would certainly add to the interest of the magazine.

Please examine the said May number—very excellent—and then hear a few words, “old, but choicely good”:

Some of the fraternity organs seem to devote themselves more fully to other fraternities and other journals than to their own societies, filling their pages with quoted matter, and more or less uninteresting comment. In this regard we think they fail to realize the objects of their publications, which are the care and promotion of the fraternities they respectively represent. We have always striven to make our magazine an organ for Beta Theta Pi, and with this end in view we have touched upon few topics outside of our own fraternity. * * * As for ourselves, we wish to conceal neither our weaknesses nor our virtues, and our magazine is run neither by nor for our exchanges.—THE BETA THETA PI, Vol. XI., No. 6 (March, '84).

It is our opinion, based upon experience, as well as upon a careful consideration of the question in the abstract, that purely literary articles, having no bearing upon any fraternity or college topic, are out of place in a fraternity journal. They certainly make it more readable to outsiders ; but the great body of its subscribers, however much they may enjoy well-written articles of any kind, cannot but feel that it was not their purpose, in subscribing for their fraternity journal, to increase their supply of general literature ; and the fraternity journal is looked to for a special and well-defined sort of entertainment and information.

But by this we do not mean to imply that any standard, even of a strictly literary excellence, which a magazine of this class has ever aimed at, ought to be lowered one whit ; quite the contrary. * * * For good literature, we take it, means not so much the selection of only literary themes, so-called, as the treatment of *any* themes—and especially such as are most pertinent to the business in hand, and best adapted to the audience to be reached—in the literary spirit, and with as much of the literary form and finish as the case admits of. * * * To the seeing eye and skillful manipulation of the true literary instinct, the smallest sphere of activity is as full of possibilities as a drop of water is of animal life. And we know right well that the distinct and recognizable stamp of good literary workmanship has often been found in a three-line personal item.

The range of topics coming fairly within the proper field of fraternity journalism is, after all, not so painfully limited as many suppose. Even if we were to take the ground—as we distinctly decline to do—that only fraternity matter, and that, too, pertaining only to our own fraternity, is admissible into the columns of this journal, there would still be territory enough left our contributors for their very best literary abilities. Sketches, stories, poems, songs, biographical and historical memoirs, all finding their themes wholly within the limits thus set, could still be written, and so written as unquestionably to constitute good literature ; this, too, leaving out of account the great staples of discussion, fraternity policy, and the preparation of chapter letters and personal matter, in which the very best literary talent can always

find employment. Of course, in the make-up of a fraternity journal, the affairs of its own fraternity are and must be its first and chief concern, and other themes are not to be allowed to crowd these out. * * Above all, it is the application of good literary principles to ordinary and every-day communications that we are most concerned about. And it is here we would have the best work done. Not that we want what is commonly called "fine writing," nor is there need to exhaust "classic lore" for illustrations or write Johnsonese instead of English. A clean, straightforward style, without faults, and without undue ornament, is the article in demand.—THE BETA THETA PI, Vol. XII., No. 3 (November, '84).

It is conceivable that a fraternity journal can be made to satisfy its subscribers; though we fancy that, as a matter of fact, the subscribers to no journal, fraternity or other, have ever expressed satisfaction with anything like unanimity. To please the exchanges, however, is wholly beyond any editor's hope. However excellent the magazine may be, there is necessarily something that it does or does not contain, and, accordingly, there is always something for the critic to say. For example, there is always one kindly gentleman who always says of THE BETA THETA PI: "We are grieved to find so few chapter letters." When the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, to please him, gives a letter from each and every chapter, he, or some one else, says: "*The Scroll* has nothing but chapter letters, which makes it very uninteresting reading for persons who are not Phi Delta Thetas." Perhaps you are right, my friend; but did it ever occur to you that probably the only people who pay for *The Scroll* are members of that very fraternity? Then again, about a year ago, some fresh hand, a veritable greenhorn in the body of reviewers, seeing for the first time a copy of Alpha Delta Phi's *Star and Crescent* [since unhappily deceased] wrote, out of pure ignorance, "*The Star and Crescent* never mentions other fraternities or their magazines," or words to that effect. *The Star and Crescent* plans a special feature for each number, and it happened that its very next issue, or almost the very next, was principally devoted to other fraternities and to extracts from their magazines. Whereupon *The D. K. E. Quarterly* smartly said that that number of *The Star and Crescent* seemed to have been edited by a peculiarly judicious office-boy. We could give many other instances to the same purpose; but we think we have already proved our point, which is that it is wholly useless for an editor to try to do right, in the opinion of those clever fellows, the critics.—THE BETA THETA PI, Vol. XIII., No. 2 (October, '85.)

Further mention of this matter would only resume a stale and tangled discussion of literary ideals and fraternity journalism. Our own case is stated above, our opinions are confirmed; but we are not obliged to be consistent. Only a fool or a fanatic never changes his mind. We have not lost our interest in other fraternities, nor have we wholly

omitted reference to them. As to the future contents of this magazine, "we shall see what we will see." But for the present we desire to devote our efforts to presenting fraternity topics in an attractive manner, and to exclude rococo "literary articles" that revel in sophomoric wordy clamor, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing;" or read like the homiletic misfits and remnants culled from the waste-basket of some professional literary magazine. We conclude with a dainty sample from *The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for July, from which we took our introductory extract:

Literature, whether addressed to the ear in rolling cadences or lofty periods, whether it charm the mind by the beauty of its form or the truth of its sentiment, whether the offspring of vivid imagination or the product of vigorous original thought, always possesses certain qualities, always demands certain talents, always appeals to certain tastes.

[Yes, I know,
That is so!]

Business Notices.

The Beta Theta Pi Hand-Book of 1886, containing a summary of the history of the fraternity since the convention of 1881, with lists in detail of new members admitted into each chapter (catalogue supplement), can be obtained in the magazine paper-cover edition. But a limited number of copies are now left. Price fifty cents. Address The Beta Theta Pi, P. O. Box 664, Cincinnati.

Mounted photographs (7x9 in.) of the company on the steamboat excursion the last day of the convention can be obtained of John I. Covington, corner Fourth street and Central Avenue (Grand Hotel), Cincinnati. Price, fifty cents each. Sent postpaid on receipt of cash.



OBITUARY.

ZETA CHAPTER HALL, October 6, 1886.

It again becomes the sad and painful duty of Zeta chapter of Beta Theta Pi to record the death of one of her most valued sons. Brother Stockton Terry Mosby passed from this life on the evening of September 24th. For three years he was an active member of this chapter; one year after, he taught in the immediate vicinity and was often present at our meetings; and for two years past has been at Union Seminary of this place. Consequently he has been intimately associated with this chapter for six years.

WHEREAS, God who gave him, has, in a providence all-wise, taken him away from the midst of his family, his fraternity, and his friends; and

WHEREAS, We, who knew him intimately and loved him fondly in the bonds of Beta Theta Pi, desire formally to record the longing and loving regret we all of us feel; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of brother S. T. Mosby we have lost a dear brother, a true friend, and one whose life has been an honor to Beta Theta Pi.

That we now assure his friends of our tender sympathy with them, who must necessarily feel most keenly a loss that is felt by all,—a sympathy that is tender because of the love we bore one whom each one of us remembers, and shall long remember with the fondness begotten of brotherly intimacy, and with an admiration for a character that was genuinely true, noble with the nobility of one who was a gentleman, and strong with the strength of one who was a Christian.

That, although our dear brother was taken in the beginning of a most promising and useful life, still we bow with willing submission to the will of Him who is a loving Father, and who doeth all things well.

That we rejoice in the triumphant Christian faith of our brother in his last hours,—that faith which, through all his intense suffering, comforted him and supported him, enabling him to say, "*Death has no sting for me.*"

That we wear the badge of mourning thirty days.

W. C. White, C. R. Stribling,

W. H. Bocock, A. D. Drew,

W. A. Watson,

Committee on Resolutions.

THE BETAS.

WOOSTER.

MARRIED.—F. B. Pearson, '85, to Miss Ivy Pancake, of South Charleston, O., at the home of the bride, August 25th, 1886. Brother Pearson is one of our most zealous and effective fraternity workers. He now occupies the chair of mathematics in Macalister College, Macalister, Minn., where he is now "at home."

MARRIED.—J. C. Conway, '85, to Miss Mollie Pancake, of South Solon, O. Brother Conway is now teaching at Fort Wayne, Ind.

MARRIED.—Charles A. Burrell, '86, to Miss Stella Parish, of Cleveland, O.

EDWARD E. WEAVER, '85, has entered the Princeton Theological Seminary.

D. L. MOORE, '85, is occupying a responsible position in the Columbus, O., high schools as instructor in Latin and Greek, supplying the place of J. Cal. Hanna until the latter returns from abroad.

J. A. CULLER, '84, has been retained this year as principal of the Kenton, O., high school.

F. G. AND REED CARPENTER, '77 and '75 respectively, have recently returned from a summer's tour in Europe. F. G. is the veritable "Carp," the noted correspondent from the capital of the Cleveland *Leader*. He has now returned to his journalistic duties at Washington, while Reed resumes the practice of law at Mansfield, O.

A WOOSTER *frater in urbe*, Rev. Dr. Oscar A. Hills, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Wooster, and a graduate of Wabash (Tau), '59, was married to Miss Ida Foust, of Wooster, last summer.

GEO. T. DUNLAP, formerly of '86, was married on the 1st of September to Miss Lizzie Ramsay, of Orrville, O., at which place brother Dunlap is now engaged in business.

J. CAL. HANNA, '81, general secretary of the fraternity, is making a six months' tour in Europe, expecting to return at Christmas to resume his position as principal in the Columbus high schools.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

C. W. DELAMATRE, '84, Cincinnati law school, '86, is out west prospecting for a location.

W. R. POMERENE, '85, also graduate Cincinnati law school, '86, is practicing with his father at Coshocton, O.

ALBERT C. HIRST, '86, is with Peter H. Horn & Co., Pittsburgh.

ELMER E. PAINE, '85, is city editor of the Springfield *Globe-Republic*.

CHARLES V. PLEUKHARP, '85, is traveling and draughting for James Pleukharp & Co., his father's firm.

WALLACE C. SABINE, '86, entered Harvard University this year to pursue post-graduate studies.

STEVENS.

MARRIED.—BAIRD—MANSFIELD.—In the Memorial M. E. church, Wilbraham, Mass., at half-past six, Wednesday evening, September 29th, 1886, Miss Jennie Greenwood Mansfield, of Wilbraham, to Mr. William Raimond Baird, of New York City.

We take the following account of the affair from the Springfield, Mass., *Daily Republican*, of September 30th :

WILBRAHAM.

The marriage last night in the Methodist church of Miss Jennie Mansfield and Mr. William R. Baird, of New York, was an event long to be remembered by the 550 persons who witnessed the ceremony. Promptly at 6:30 the bridal party entered the church, Miss Stebbins playing Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride and groom were accompanied by the bride's sister, Miss Ardena Mansfield, and Mr. James T. Brown, of New York, and Miss Schemberborn, of Schodack, N. Y., and Mr. Richard Lee Fearn, of New York. They took their places under a floral arch from which hung suspended a marriage bell. The ceremony was performed with a ring by the bride's father, Rev. G. W. Mansfield, assisted by Dr. Steele and Prof. Gill. The bride was dressed in a pure white surah silk, white tulle veil tied with white rose buds. After the wedding there was a reception at the house for the relatives and friends of the couple, after which they started on a tour. They will visit Saratoga, Montreal and Quebec. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful set of garnet ornaments. The groom's father sent a silver tea service. Mrs. Baird sent a dozen each of solid silver tea and tablespoons; one dozen after-dinner coffee spoons, each spoon coming from a different city in Europe from Miss May Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield presented a beautifully bound Bible containing both the old and new version; a beautiful china tea service from Mr. and Mrs. Campbell; ice pitcher from Mr. Brown; silver nut dish from Mr. Fearn; solid silver dessert spoons from the bride's grandmother. The Beta Theta Pi college chapter, to which Mr. Baird belongs, sent a beautiful antique pitcher made from ancient silver, bearing mystical Greek symbols and curiously wrought. There were many other beautiful and costly gifts, in all numbering about 100. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the church. The following poem was written by a lady in Wilbraham for the occasion :

Bridal Bell.—By E. H. A. Burbank.

Merrily ring, O, bridal bell
Joy in the Domine's home to tell;
Ring out, " 'Tis well, 'tis well."

The old time story "wooded and won"
The daughter fair, by stranger's son,
By altar-blessing now made one;
 " 'Tis well, 'tis well,"

Aye, blend ye now with magic spell,
Love, hope and prophecy as well,
Let echo from the morrow swell
 " 'Tis well, 'tis well."

Blessing on ye, "twain made one,"
Blessings till your work is done,
And 'mid glow of sunset sun
Unto you may message come
 " Well done, well done."

Wilbraham, September 29, 1886.

RICHMOND.

L. R. HAMBERLIN, '84, poet for the next convention, is teaching Latin and Greek in Shreveport, La.

REV. W. C. BETTING, '77, is pastor of Mt. Morris Baptist church, New York City. He was the alumni orator for Richmond College last June.

MANLY B. CURRY, '79, is in St. Paul, Minn., a member of the law firm of McMurran, McClung & Curry.

JOS. F. GORDON, '80, is in the banking business in Lynchburg, Va.

A. J. MONTAGUE, '82, is practicing law in Danville, Va.

FRANK LYON, '85, who has been stationed in Richmond, Va., for the last year, with the R. & D. R. R. Co., has now removed with the above company to Washington, D. C.

ALFRED BAGBY, JR., '85, is now teaching school at the Aberdeen Academy, King and Queen county, Va.

BROWN.

The following is a list of most of the Providence alumni :

HARMON SEELEY BABCOCK, '74, attorney at law, room 17, Butler Exchange ; valedictorian of his class ; Phi Beta Kappa ; received the "Howell premium," the "Dunn Premium," and the "Carpenter scholarship ;" superintendent of public schools East Providence, 1879-'82. In 1879 was secretary of Rhode Island Horticultural Society ; he was an assistant instructor at Brown, 1883, and has issued a little book of poems, entitled "Trifles ;" was poet of the Cincinnati convention in 1882, and is well known in Beta circles.

WALTER H. BARNEY, '76, attorney at law, 4 Westminster street—"Colwell & Barney."

GEORGE FREDERICK KEENE, M. D., '75, has an office at 217 North Main street. He is surgeon at the state institutions in Cranston ; graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1878 ; Phi Beta Kappa.

EDWARD C. PIERCE, '76, is with E. W. Pierce & Co., 20 Canal street, wholesale grocers.

ALBERT PIERCE HOYT, '78, is teller of First National Bank, Westminster street.

OLIVER BUCHANAN MONROE, '78, is on the staff of the *Providence Journal*. He has been engaged in newspaper work since graduation ; has been city editor *Press* ; correspondent Boston Globe, and editor of *Providence Transcript* ; was editor of *Brunonian* in college. He was at the Chicago and Baltimore conventions of 1881 and 1880.

STEPHEN OSBORNE EDWARDS, '79, obtained the "salutatory" and "second honor," and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a matter of course. In college he was an editor of the *Brunonian*. After teaching a few years, he is now an attorney at 27 Custom House street.

HENRY DUNSTER, JR., '80, is on the staff of the *Morning Star*.

WALTER S. MEADER, '80, is teaching in the Friend's School, which is situated north of the Brown University buildings.

WALTER FOSTER ANGELL, '80, is an attorney at law at No. 70 Weybosset street. He delivered the philosophical oration on graduation and is a Phi Beta Kappa man.

JOHN TAGGARD BLODGETT, '80, formerly chief of the New England district, is a lawyer at No. 4 Weybosset street. We fancy he has political ambitions.

JOHN MILTON PAYNE, '82, is with G. B. Olney & Co., coal dealers, Pawtucket, R. I.

EDWIN PIERCE ALLEN, '83, has been studying law with Thurston, Ripley & Co., and was admitted to the bar shortly since.

EDWIN THOMAS BANNING, '85, who left college in 1884, is in an architect's office.

A. D. COLE, '84, continues as instructor in chemistry and physics at Denison University. He will probably be elected to a full professorship after this year.

F. L. SHEPARDSON, '83, is still teaching at Worcester Academy, Massachusetts. He is meeting with much success and has a good position.

WESTERN RESERVE.

HON. WALTER LOWRIE CAMPBELL, '67, ex-mayor of Youngstown, has just sent to G. P. Putnam the manuscript for a poetical novel which will be issued soon. It is a political satire on the United States Government containing a severe criticism of its monarchical tendencies. The work is in three cantos, and is marked by a vigorous poetical style that will probably bring credit to the fraternity as well as to brother Campbell. The book is to be called "Civitas," that being the name of the hero who, in the character suggested by his name, woos and weds the maiden beautiful, "Liberta," which union should be the seed of all government.

N. C. STEVENS, '82, is with the Edison Electric Light Co., in New York City.

LIEUT. B. H. BUCKINGHAM, '65, has been detached from duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, and is now on duty as naval attache at the legations at Paris, St. Petersburg, and Berlin.

HON. ALLAN T. BRINSMADE, '60, is city solicitor of Cleveland, Ohio.

T. D. MCFARLAND, '85, has one of the best drug stores in Canton, Ohio.

GEORGE M. FLETCHER, '85, is studying law in Erie, Pa.

D. T. THOMAS, '85, is a student in Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O.

JAMES W. ANDREWS, '83, is studying theology at Union Seminary, New York City, N. Y.

JAMES T. LEES, '86, is pursuing a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md.

REV. T. Y. GARDNER, '64, has resigned from the pastorate of the Congregational church of Hudson, O. He is now agent for the American College and Educational Society.

THOMAS C. MENDENHALL, is one of the best known of Ohio Betas. He was initiated at Western Reserve College, where he had high rank. From 1866 to 1874 he was principal of Columbus high school. For three years following he was professor of physics in Ohio State University, a position abandoned in 1877 to accept a professorship in the Royal Japanese University. In 1880 he returned to Ohio State University, where he stayed till 1885, when he was tempted by a Government offer

and went into the signal service bureau. He has just been elected president of Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Ind. He has lately published, through Houghton, Mifflin & Co., a notable scientific work, entitled "A Century of Electricity," which has been received as a professional and popular authority on the important subject treated.

HON. GEORGE HOADLY, '44, was the orator of the day at the Salmon P. Chase memorial services at Cincinnati Music Hall, October 14th, 1886, on the occasion of the removal of the deceased statesman's remains from Washington, D. C., to his old home in Ohio. The ex-governor's oration was an intellectual and political masterpiece, and produced a powerful impression on the distinguished audience present.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

At the meeting of the Cincinnati Conference of the M. E. Church, September 8th, the following members of Theta were assigned appointments for the ensuing year: Rev. E. T. Wells, '64, Grace Church, Urbana, O.; Rev. D. W. Clark, '71 Hillsboro, O.; Rev. E. T. Lane, '77, Olive Branch, O.; Rev. J. J. McCabe, Tippecanoe City, O.

W. A. BALDWIN, '85, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Porter, of Seville, O., on the 9th of September, 1886. They are now residing in Delaware.

J. H. WATERHOUSE, '88, is studying dentistry, at Delaware, O.

J. G. CLARK, '89, is with a surveying party in Idaho. His address is Pocatello, Idaho.

D. S. GRIFFIN, '86, is in Wyoming Territory on a stock ranche.

M. G. PARK, '86, is in California for his health and will spend the winter there.

F. M. STARR, '85, is engaged in the drug business in Delaware, O.

JOHN HUGHES, '83, is meeting with success as a lawyer at Portsmouth, O.

J. M. JONES, '80, has lost none of his pride in the Beta boy born last July.

ARTHUR M. MANN, '85, is now business manager at Flint, Mich., for the *Daily News*, *Genesee Democrat*, and *Sunday Democrat*.

G. P. THORPE, '85, was alternate from Clinton county to the Ohio state Democratic convention, at Toledo last August, and delegate to the congressional convention of the Twelfth District at Wilmington. He has lately entered the Senior class of the Cincinnati Law School.

MAJOR THOMAS CHERRINGTON, '63, of Ironton, O., was lately renominated for judge of the district court, IV. Ohio Circuit, comprising a large number of the counties in southern Ohio, by the Republican convention. The nomination is equivalent to election, especially this year.

WILLIS O. ROBB, '79, of Cincinnati, was married September 2nd, 1886, to Miss Juliet Everts, of College Hill, a city suburb. Brother Robb, formerly editor of this magazine, is now connected with the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., as an adjuster.

T. R. TERWILLIGER, '84, is attending the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati.

M. L. MILLIGAN, '84, is practicing law in Columbus.

NEWTON H. FAIRBANKS, '84, is a lawyer at Kansas City, Mo. and is winning laurels.

F. T. PENNINGTON, '86, and DePauw, '86, is reading law in Toledo, O.

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J. MCK. GOODSPEED is vice-president of the First National Bank of Athens, O.

J. H. GARDNER, '59, is presiding elder of the London District of the Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church.

A. J. HAWK, '79, was ordained elder at the recent session of the M. E. Conference at Athens and appointed pastor of the church at Chester Hill, O.

BOSTON.

HERBERT W. CONN, '81, now professor in Wesleyan University, is the author of a late volume entitled "Evolution of To-day," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, which has received great praise from noteworthy critical authorities. The New York *Critic* of October 16th concludes a complimentary review of it as follows: "The full argument in favor of evolution is gradually approached, so that the reader is brought to it step by step, and in such a manner as to have its full significance at last fully impressed upon his mind. The author understands the subject in all its bearings. He gives due weight to every fact and yet does not over-urge the importance of any special argument. His work will therefore give the general reader a far better and clearer idea of what evolution is than any other work with which we are acquainted. It is a primer or text-book of the subject, written in admirable taste and with a true discretion. In his concluding chapter the author favors theism."

L. C. HASCALL, '80, is now definitely embarked in the publishing business in Boston, as the head of the firm of L. C. Hascall & Co., 19 Doane street.

DEPAUW.

DR. H. A. GOBIN, '70, has resigned his position as professor of the Greek language and literature in DePauw University to accept the presidency of Baker University, Baldwin, Kan. Before his departure he was given a reception by Delta chapter to which his friends in the faculty were invited. There is no professor in the university who has more warm personal friends than Dr. Gobin, and his departure is a matter of sincere regret on the part of both citizens and students. His last visit in chapel was made occasion for farewell speeches by representatives of the faculty, citizens, and students. Resolutions expressive of the highest regard and esteem were also read. At the close of the exercises he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain. Dr. Gobin's reply was of the usual happy and feeling character that has endeared him to all.

H. A. BUCHTEL, '72, is pastor of Evans Chapel Methodist church in Denver, Colorado.

L. S. CUMBACK, '75, is traveling for an eastern publishing house.

C. R. HAMMOND, '78, is agent for the L., N. A. & S., at Greencastle, Ind.

C. A. MARTIN, '80, is taking a post-graduate course in theology at DePauw University.

GEORGE SWITZER, '81, is preaching at Shawnee Mound, Ind.

WORTH MERRITT, '82, is a woolen manufacturer in Indianapolis.

W. R. GOODWIN, '83, is on the staff of the *Stock-Breeders' Gazette*, Chicago.

C. S. OLCOTT, '83, instructor in the Bryant & Stratton Business University, Chicago, was married June 23rd, to Miss Alice Gage, of Indianapolis.

E. L. MARTIN, '83, is in the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati.

GEORGE B. MOORE, '83, is dealing in grain at Indianapolis.

W. F. SWITZER, '84, is in Madison, N. J.

F. T. LODGE, '84, is practicing law in Detroit.

WILL IGLEHART, '84, is in the flouring business at Evansville, Ind.

J. E. DURHAM, '85, AND J. B. TUCKER, '86, have established a drug-store in Mt. Sterling, Ky., as the firm of Durham & Tucker.

SENNOSKE OGATA, '85, is professor of theology in the Anglo Japanese College, of Tokio, Japan. He was married on June 30th, to Miss Fuki Kwanno.

WILLIAM MASTERS, '85, has accepted the professorship of belles lettres and history in the Texas Wesleyan College at Fort Worth, Texas.

W. C. SMITH, '86, is located at Indianapolis, as salesman for A. H. Andrews & Co., of Chicago.

J. G. CAMPBELL, '86, is running a land office in Lafayette, Ind., in conjunction with a real estate firm in Kansas. He is said to be the inventor and chaperon of a new ladies' fraternity at DePauw, called Alpha Chi Omega. ✓

GEN. THOMAS WARREN BENNETT, '55, Mayor of Richmond, Ind., was born in Union county, Ind., in 1831. After a boyhood of strange vicissitudes he entered the law school of Indiana Asbury University, and graduated with LL. B., in 1855, remaining out of the school one year to teach in White Water College as professor of mathematics and natural science. The year after graduating he made a successful race for the prosecuting attorneyship. In 1858 he was elected state senator from Union and Fayette counties, and served till the war broke out, when he organized a company, joined the Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Rich Mountain, Beverly, Greenbriar, and Elkwater river. The same year he was appointed major in the 36th I. V. I., and went through the Buell campaign to the capture of Nashville. Before the year closed he was chosen colonel of the sixty-ninth and was with Grant on the Mississippi. For brilliant achievements he was brevetted brigadier general in 1865. Returning to Indiana, he was again elected to the state senate. After a short visit to Europe he returned to Richmond and was elected mayor, serving during 1869, '70, and '71, when he was appointed by President Grant, Governor of Idaho, which position he held till 1875. Returning to Richmond, he was re-elected mayor and still holds the office, having had five terms. He is a prominent Mason, Odd Fellow, G. A. R. man, a fine public speaker, and a genial, good-natured man all around. A Cincinnati paper of late date, commenting upon him, told an amusing story that during the siege of Vicksburg, when the enemy was on the opposite side of the hill, "Tom" went to an old hut near by, got a piece of stove pipe, and placed it in position on top the hill, causing a retreat of the "other fellows," as they took it to be a cannon. But since nearly every other soldier in the army did the same thing one time or another, we do not care to lay too great stress to this story.

REV. ALFRED KUMMER, '73, is preaching at Crawfordsville, Ind.

DR. A. A. WASHBURN, '80, has removed to Tuscola, Ill., where he is settled in the practice of medicine.

CLARENCE W. BENNETT, '85, formerly engaged on the *Indianapolis Journal*, now occupies a position on the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

A. N. GRANT, '74, lately received the following notice in the Kokomo, Ind. *Gazette Tribune* :

Our fellow townsman A. N. Grant was on Wednesday nominated to the high office of Grand Master of the State by the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., now in session at Indianapolis. This is the highest office in the state in this large and benevolent order, which now has 30,000 active members in Indiana, and nearly as many more who are members though not active workers in the order. It is no small honor, that of being the highest presiding officer over an order that numbers 60,000 men as its votaries. The *Gazette Tribune* congratulates Mr. Grant upon his success in being thus honored. Mr. Grant is a gentleman who understands the workings of the order and his selection as grand master is an honor in which we all have a share.

WIRT SMITH, '86, is traveling for an Indianapolis furniture house.

S. R. GREER, '86, is traveling salesman for Dewing & Sons, of Kalamazoo, Mich., dealers in lumber, sash and doors. He recently visited Granville hardware men, and spent Sunday with the Denison boys.

F. P. IRWIN, '86, is city editor of the Piqua, O., *Daily Call*, of which brother John Morris, of Theta, is proprietor.

RANDOLPH-MACON.

J. S. HOBSON, '84, is in business in a Lynchburg bank.

H. L. STUART, '85, who graduated with honors, is now practicing law in Granville, Texas.

GARLAND BUFFINGTON, '88, is doing well in business in Huntington, W. Va.

G. T. PATTON, '86, has accepted a position in a corps of civil engineers and is now located at Selden, Ala.

M. L. SHACKELFORD, '86, an A. M. graduate of this institution, is studying law in Wytheville, Va.

CUMBERLAND.

W. C. CALDWELL, '72, was again nominated by the Tennessee Democracy for associate justice.

HON. ANDREW ALLISON, '60, has just been chosen judge of the chancery court of the Davidson and Rutherford district.

R. L. CARLOCK, '83, is the Democate nominee for county attorney in Tarrant county, Texas.

H. M. DREIFOOS, '86, is engaged in the manufacture of ranges in Nashville, Tennessee.

J. H. EPPS, '76, is practicing law in East Tennessee.

J. W. BRANNUM, '86, is attending college at Ann Arbor.

JOE. W. CALDWELL, '86, is attaining a reputation as a preacher, in Selma, Ala.

W. P. BONE, '86, is preaching in LaRissa, Texas.

J. H. MILLER, '87, is preaching in Princeton, Ky.

R. H. CADY, '86, is preaching in Meridian, Miss.

GEO. WARD, '87, is a clerk in the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala.

W. L. MCCUTCHER, '87, is engaged in literary pursuits at Pilot Grove, Mo.

CORNELL.

F. E. WILCOX, '83, is working as architect in Albany, N. Y.

A. T. EMORY, '86, is teaching in a preparatory school at New Haven, Conn.

J. T. SACKETT, '86, in Columbia Law School, New York City.

C. D. WHITE, '86, has a position in the Smithsonian Institute.

F. A. CONVERSE, '86, in company with two of his classmates, is running a milk, vegetable, and small fruit farm near Kansas City, Mo.

S. C. JONES, '87, is teaching mathematics in Cayuga Lake Military Academy, Aurora, N. Y.

WESTMINSTER.

LEROY JONES, '85, is attending the medical department of Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo.

T. T. TRIMBLE, formerly of '86, is principal of a high school, Bunker Hill, Mo.

G. L. WASHBURN, '84, A. A. Wallace, '84, and F. W. Sneed, '85, are studying theology at McCormick Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

C. FINLY HERSMAN, '84, is attending the St. Louis Medical College, St. Louis, Mo.

J. MCD. TRIMBLE, '72, has removed from Mexico, Mo., to Kansas City, where he will continue the practice of the law.

IOWA STATE.

WILL HARWOOD, who finished an irregular course in '83, fills a position on the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

T. O. LOWDEN, '85, teaches in the high school at Burlington, Iowa, and devotes his spare time to studying law.

HAL ALLEN, an old member of '85, is engaged in the First National Bank of Waterloo, Iowa.

WABASH.

The friends of F. N. PALMER, '81, will regret to learn that he has been obliged to give up the ministry on account of ill health. He is now at home in Danville, Illinois.

G. A. THOMSON, '81, is now practicing medicine in Chicago, but frequently visits his chapter.

MARRIED.—At Topeka, Kan., on September 9th, J. E. WILLIAMSON, '82, and Miss Stella Tuttle. He is at present superintendent the Topeka public schools.

A. E. THORNTON, '82, now engaged in the real estate business at Michigan City paid the chapter a pleasant visit this fall.

H. R. HESS, '83, is now engaged on the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*.

J. F. STUTESMAN, '84, of the Chicago Board of Trade, was present and assisted in the last initiation of Tau. His address is 4152 Perry avenue, Chicago.

D. H. MAXWELL, '86, is studying law at Rockville, Ind.

R. S. THOMSON, '86, is for the present curator of the college library.

J. W. DOAK, '87, is now studying law at Paris, Ill.

PARKE DANIELS, '87, employed part of his time this summer in cutting weeds off the Wabash levees in Parke and Vigo counties, Indiana. He is described as swinging the scythe with as great facility as he recites psychology.

VANDERBILT.

JOE B. ELLIS, '85, is a member of the faculty of the Missouri State Normal School, Third District, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., as instructor in Latin.

B. F. TAYLOR, '85, formerly on the New York *World*, is now engaged with *The Sun*.

EDWARD EMERSON BARNARD, the eminent young astronomer, continues in charge of the Vanderbilt Observatory as resident astronomer.

W. A. PUSEY, M. A., '86, fellow in history, is studying medicine in New York.

J. P. SMITH, M. A., '86, fellow in geology, has a position in the Nashville high school as teacher of natural philosophy and history. He will pursue post-graduate studies at Vanderbilt.

WALTER G. KIRKPATRICK, B. E., '86, faculty representative on the Commencement stage, and Founder's medalist in the academic department, has returned to Vanderbilt this year and will take the degree of civil engineer. He holds the fellowship in engineering. Corvallis College, Oregon, called him to the chair of mathematics, which he declined.

C. C. FERRELL, M. A., '86, has been re-elected to the fellowship in Greek, and will continue at Vanderbilt another year.

J. S. HARRIS, A. B., '86, class representative on the Commencement stage, is back at Vanderbilt and will study law this year.

WRIGHT HUNTER, Ph. G., '86, has located in his native town, Louisville, Ga.

J. L. SUMMERS, law, '86, has a position in the law department of the civil service.

R. P. WHITESELL, B. L., '83, was elected president of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association at its annual meeting last June.

C. C. SLAUGHTER, B. A., '85, has a position as teacher in the Nashville high school.

C. W. BEALE, M. A., '81, B. L. '83, delivered the oration before the Alumni Association last June. Subject "Higher Citizenship."

ALFRED HUME, B. E., '87, spent the summer in the mountains of Tennessee doing topographical work for the Shoal Creek Iron Mining Co.

W. R. PATTEN, '88, will not return this year. He is at his home, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

ALLEN G. HALL, B. L., '83, will be the orator before the Alumni Association next June.

J. B. ROBERTSON, '88, is at his home in Guilford, Ind., and will not return to college this year.

DENISON.

RUSSELL B. RICE, '76, of Mansfield, O., is one of the most enthusiastic members of Alpha Eta. The following item from a late Mansfield paper will be of interest to his many friends:

Russell B. Rice, a promising young man of this city, has just been appointed special examiner of surveys in the United States through the influence of Gen. A. V. Rice, of Ottawa, O., assisted by Congressman G. W. Geddes. The position pays \$1,800 per year and expenses. Mr. Rice's duty will be to look after all surveys in all parts of the United States in which the government is interested. It will require constant travel and vigorous application. There are only seven special examiners in the service and only two of these have been removed. Mr. Rice has been appointed to one of these places. The man whose place he takes, so the information comes, was removed from office on account of neglect of duty, having been absent from his work nearly ninety per cent. of his time. Mr. Rice leaves immediately to assume his duties. Mr. Rice is a graduate of LaFayette College, Pennsylvania, where he took the C. E. degree. He was admitted to the bar last December and both his engineering and legal training make him eminently fitted for the place to which he has been appointed. His many friends congratulate him upon the honor done him in the selection.

REV. M. D. SHUTTER, '77, of Minneapolis, Minn., who has built up quite an excellent reputation as a Baptist minister, lately surprised the church by withdrawing from fellowship, on the ground that his denominational views were at variance with the accepted theories of the Baptist denomination. To many of his old friends the news was not surprising.

DR. S. H. COLLINS, '74, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., figured prominently in an illustrated article on that city in a recent issue of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, and seems to be meeting with success in the city of flood and fire.

W. H. PRICHARD, '74, of Colfax, W. T., addressed the college there at the Commencement.

JOHN H. JAMES, '74, of Marengo, Iowa, is the chairman of the Republican county central committee.

CHARLES S. SPRAGUE, '86, has assumed control of the *McConnelsville Herald*, the Republican newspaper of Morgan County, Ohio.

CHARLES RANK, '86, who for some years has been night ticket agent for the B. & O. R. R. Co. at Newark, O., has lately attained to a better position in the company offices, with day work.

WILL C. SHEPPARD, '85, who spent last year in teaching at Johnstown, O., is now located at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he has opened an office as a collector. He is connected with W. C. Sprague.

H. L. JONES, '86, is taking a post-graduate course at Denison. He was engaged during the summer in geological work near Sault St. Marie, Canada. He meets with Alpha Eta regularly.

CHARLES H. CAREY, '81, is now successfully located in Portland, Ore., a member of the firm of Tanner & Carey, lawyers.

R. W. E. DAVIS, '79, is practicing law in Denver, Colo., and enjoying the glorious golden climate of the Centennial State. He spent the summer hunting and fishing in the Rockies, performing great exploits with both gun and rod.

E. E. KITCHEN, formerly '86, graduated from Denver University last June with the valedictory honor, and is now employed in Denver.

WILL B. OWEN, '86, has resigned as assistant postmaster at Granville, O.

RALPH P. SMITH, '88, was on the staff of the *Ohio State Journal* during the summer.

OSMAN C. HOOPER, '79, after seven years of patient work on the *Columbus Dispatch*, during which time he won much praise for his editorial work and clever rhymes, has accepted a position upon the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, whose column of "Odds and Ends" now fairly glistens with his bright witticisms and sparkling verse.

EDWIN A. WILLIAMS, '89, has left college, and is reading law in the city solicitor's office at Columbus, O.

CHARLES S. SPRAGUE, Denison, '86, is making a decided success as editor of the *McConnelsville, O., Herald*. He has lately improved the appearance of his paper, and is doing good work for the Republican cause in Morgan County, Ohio.

HARVEY M. CARTER, '86, who spent last year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be in Granville this year. He is clerking in his father's store.

WALTER L. HERVEY, '86, graduated from Princeton last June with honors. He was engaged during the summer with a Princeton exploring party, and spent most of his time in the "bad lands" of the northwest, where he discovered bones of the megatherium, paleothere, etc., and an ornithomymosaurian which he donated, with its name, to the professor in charge. He is teaching in a private school in New York City.

HOWARD COPLAND, '88, who spent last year at the college of Montana with his cousin J. J. Robinson, has entered the Sophomore class in Yale College.

EDWARD H. CASTLE, '88, spent the summer at Chippewa Lake in northern Ohio, where he helped to conduct a spicy little paper entitled the *Chippewa Croaker*.

HENRY D. HERVEY, '88, will not attend college this year. He may go west and spend the winter on a ranch.

CLARENCE F. CASTLE, '80, graduated with high rank, and taught a year in Hampton, Iowa. Returning to Ohio he was principal of the Granville public schools 1881-2, and there was elected classical tutor in Denison University. This position he has just resigned, and he is now at Yale College, where he will take a special course in philology under Prof. Whitney and others. He spent some weeks, during the summer, in teaching at Chautauqua.

JAMES J. ROBINSON, '84, who graduated from Princeton in 1884, spent two years teaching Latin in the college of Montana at Deer Lodge. He resigned that position in June and is now at Yale College, where he will take a special course in language and fit himself for a Latin professorship. During the summer he taught classes in sight reading at Chautauqua.

F. W. SHEPARDSON, '82, Brown, '83, was much surprised shortly since by the receipt of a mysterious package containing a silver cup, which bore the inscription: "Presented by class of 1883, Brown University, to J. Whitcomb Shepardson, born July 25th, 1885," the first boy born to Brown, '83.

HANOVER.

REV. A. C. JUNKIN, '52, has removed from Hanover, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Downs, Kan.

REV. W. A. SAMPLE, '54, has successfully held the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, Ft. Smith, Ark., since 1868, and is at present one of the most popular ministers of that city.

HON. S. J. McELRATH, '58, Carrollton, Ky., is the present representative of Carroll County, in the Kentucky state legislature. He was one of the most active members of that body in their recent session, and is perfectly satisfactory in every way to his constituency.

E. R. MONFORT, '65, LL.D., editor of *Herald and Presbyter*, is captain of the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion. In the recent parade at the opening of the Cincinnati Exposition his command took a very prominent part, which was described by the *Commercial Gazette* in the following terms:

Captain E. R. Monfort, the commander of the First Division, and his staff of one hundred selected men, followed immediately behind the Columbia Cornet Band. The First Division staff were mounted, and wore a handsome uniform, similar to that of the general staff, excepting that blue was substituted for buff.

The contrast of the colors was indeed striking, and it must be said Captain Monfort's staff was one of the handsomest in the procession. Its make-up was undoubtedly the best, having exclusively men of learning, wealth and prominence. The staff in personnel really exceeded that of the grand marshal, having not so much of a general makeup as the latter.

The First Division moved into line of march without a hitch; its working was like that of a clock, and too much in praise can not be said of the commander of this division. That much-talked-of and famous military band, the First Regiment, O. N. G. Band, added additional laurels to its wreath yesterday, and, as a consequence, received innumerable complimentary notices. It, of course, marched in advance of the First Regiment, which followed in the rear of Captain Monfort's personal staff.

REV. H. T. OLMSTEAD, '72, is now entering upon his eighth year as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Rising Sun, Ind. He has reason to be satisfied with his success in that city.

REV. E. E. SILLIMAN, '81, since the completion of his studies in the seminary has been stationed as a missionary near Madras, India. Several fine photographic views of his house and surroundings sent to his chapter convinces it that he has a pleasant home and a cheerful field of labor.

PROF. J. A. CARNAGEY, '81, has again been chosen as principal of the high schools, Madison, Ind. He is considered one of the most successful teachers in southern Indiana.

REV. W. B. RILEY, '85, is now attending the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. During the summer he filled the pulpit of the Baptist church at Carrollton, Ky., and will continue his labors there, in connection with his studies in the seminary. He has been meeting with the highest success in his chosen field of labor.

D. C. BLYTH, '86, has entered the Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O., where he will prepare himself for the ministry of the Presbyterian church.

R. T. EVANS, '86, is now engaged in teaching school near Eagle Station, Ky., preparatory to taking a course in law at Ann Arbor, Mich.

REV. M. E. MCKILLUP, '74, late pastor of a Presbyterian church at Charlestown, Ind., has removed to Seymour, Ind., to assume a new charge there.

REV. W. A. STANTON, '75, is pastor of the First Baptist church at Rockford, Ill.

R. E. SCHUP, '82, finished his post-graduate course at the Methodist Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., last June.

W. B. ALLEN, '84, is in South America.

COLUMBIA.

The Elk Mountain Pilot of Crested Butte, Colo., date of September 2nd, 1886, has the following notice of W. B. Middleton, formerly '83, in its mining news from Irwin, Colo.:

The Gunnison Smelting Co.'s smelter is running successfully and is getting away with about thirty tons of ore per day. We understand that it is an entire success, and that the success is solely due to Mr. W. B. Middleton, the chemist and metallurgist. Mr. Middleton was a student of the Columbia School of Mines, and has worked hard to make a success of this smelter. Unlike many of your graduates who imagine that they know it all, Mr. Middleton has coupled with his theory good, practical knowledge, which he has acquired by careful attention and much experience of the state.

MISSISSIPPI.

WM. H. CLARK, '82, one of Beta Beta's charter members, and afterwards a law student at Cumberland University, is now an attorney-at-law in Dallas, Texas. Last June he returned to his old home at Brandon, Miss., for a short visit, and was married to Miss Jennie Falls, of that place. He finds both profit and pleasure in his new Texas home.

Dr. H. L. McLAURIN, '81, is now practicing his profession in Dallas, Texas.

DABNEY MARSHALL, '82, after spending the summer at or about Vicksburg, Miss., has returned to Jackson, Miss., and resumed the practice of law. He is also connected with a newspaper of that place, *The New Mississippian*, and has lately taken a prominent part in a recent "wet" or "dry" campaign in his county, the result of which makes water the legal beverage, much to brother Marshall's satisfaction. But if liquor makes crime and crime makes law practice, why then——.

NORTHWESTERN.

E. M. KINMAN, '78, is a lawyer and land agent at Jacksonville, Ill.

WM. J. CADY, of Denver University, '88, was married to Miss Lou Van Law, on Thursday evening, October 7th, 1886. Brother Cady with his bride is now in Chicago, where he is entering upon the study and labor of the ministry.

EARL MONT. CRANSTON, Denver University, '85, graduated from the Cincinnati Law School last May and is now located in the practice of his profession in Denver.

W. A. MOORE, valedictorian of Denver University '85, is now at the Columbia Law School, after a year of office study in Denver.

ST. LAWRENCE.

H. F. GUNNISON, '80, who is on the editorial staff of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, has formed one of Gov. Hill's private suite during his recent trip about the State.

C. M. Baker, '85, still fills the chair of the Latin professorship with distinction, receiving high commendation from the board of trustees.

GEORGE B. HELMLE, '85, was married October 4th, to Miss Alice B. Pettibone, of Canton, N. Y. The following notice of the affair is taken from the *Brooklyn Times*, with which paper brother Hemle is at present connected :

HELMLE—PETTIBONE.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. George B. Helmle, a popular member of the staff of the *Brooklyn Times*, was married to Miss Alice Barnes Pettibone, daughter of the Hon. Roswell G. Pettibone, at the residence of the bride, Canton, N. Y. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Gardner, a former pastor and life-long friend of the bride's family. The ceremony was very quiet, only relatives being present, among them the bride's brother, Mr. John Pettibone, of Ogdensburg, and Mr. William H. Helmle of Brooklyn, a brother of the groom. Mr. Helmle, after a brief respite from journalistic duties, will bring his bride to Brooklyn, their future home, where a large circle of friends are waiting to tender their congratulations to both the bride and groom.

MADISON.

G. P. PERRY, '82, was recently ordained as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Westerly, Rhode Island.

PROF. C. H. DOUGLASS, '85, has resigned his position at Delhi Academy, to accept the professorship of Latin in the Suffield Literary Institute, Suffield, Conn.

WM. J. MOORE, '86, is teaching in the Newark High School, Newark, N. J.

A. J. KIMMEL, '86, is teaching in Salina, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

T. A. GALLUP, '88, is teaching at New Hartford, N. Y.

W. A. ST. JOHN, '88, has spent the summer surveying in Dakota, in the employ of the Ordway, Bismarck and Northwestern R. R.

ALBION MORRIS DYER, '84, ex-cor. sec. 82-83, '83-84, editor college *Annual* '84, editor-in-chief *Madisonensis*, '83-84, is now a reporter with the New York *Daily News*, 25 Park Row, New York City.

MIAMI.

CHARLES HENRY HARDIN, '40, one of the immortal founders, was born in Kentucky in 1820. His ancestors from colonial times lived in Fairfax County, Va. His

father removed to Kentucky, and afterwards to Missouri. After graduating from Miami with honor, brother Hardin studied law, and in 1843 commenced practice at Fulton, Mo. He was soon elected justice of the peace, and, winning an excellent reputation, was elected to the legislature in 1852, and was afterwards re-elected. He was one of a committee of three chosen to revise and compile the state statutes and superintend their publication. After six years in the lower house he was elected state senator, and honored with the chairmanship of the judiciary committee. In 1861 he removed to Mexico, Mo., and in 1871 was again sent to the senate, presiding over the same important committee, with additional duties as chairman of the asylum committee. In 1874 he was elected governor by a majority of over 40,000. During his term he effectually restored the state credit. In 1873 he founded at his home Hardin College, giving for the purpose \$40,000 in lands and money. The college has two fine buildings and is prosperous.

REV. A. C. JUNKIN, '52, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Downs, Kan.

JOHN I. COVINGTON, '70, one of the Cincinnati alumni, has recently suffered a painful domestic bereavement in the death of his daughter Ruth, aged 11, who died October 5th, 1886, of scarlet fever.

DR. JAMES T. WHITAKER, '63, was the recipient of the following complimentary notice, accompanied by portrait, in a late Cincinnati paper :

Though one of the youngest, none will dispute that he is one of the ablest physicians in Cincinnati, whose reputation extends beyond the confines of Hamilton county. He succeeded to the practice of Dr. Roberts Bartholow, the eminent author of a work on therapeutics, on the latter's accepting a chair in the University of Pennsylvania, the oldest medical institution in the country. Dr. Whitaker formerly held the chair of physiology in the Ohio Medical College. A Cincinnati by birth, he graduated with the honors of his class from the Miami University of Oxford, O., in 1863. Leaving college halls, he saw three months' service in the army; then attended a course of medical lectures at the Ohio Medical College. He became a surgeon of the Mississippi river flotilla. Two years he continued in the service, twice receiving promotion. The war closing, he continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1866, and the year following receiving a diploma from the Ohio Medical College. Next he enters the Cincinnati Hospital as chief resident physician, continuing for a year; then sailing for Europe, he spends two years among the most celebrated clinics of the continent. Returning, he was appointed to the chair of physiology in the Medical College of Ohio, also receiving the position of pathologist to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Serving in the latter position four years, he was appointed lecturer on clinical medicine. He has been editor of *The Clinic* since its foundation in 1871, it being the first weekly medical journal established west of the Alleghanies. He has contributed, as translator, several articles to Zemssen's "Encyclopedia of Medicine," original articles to the "System of Medicine" by American authors now in course of publication in Philadelphia, and to the "Reference Hand-Book of Medical Science," now going through the press in New York. The doctor is the discoverer of a method of detecting gall stones by the introduction of the needle, and was the first to treat obstructions of the bowels by the stomach pump. He has contributed much to the daily press of this city, and during his recent trip to Spain and Northern Africa wrote a series of letters to the *Enquirer*, which attained something more than a local celebrity for the beauty of their description. When Monsignor Capel was in this city he was the guest of the doctor.

JACOB J. PUGSLEY, '59, of Hillsboro, O., state senator from the Highland-Ross district, is the Republican nominee for congress in the Twelfth District. His

opponent is Gen. Denver, of Wilmington. The Republican majority in this district is small but safe, and "Gentleman Jacob" will probably hold it, if we may judge from his present efforts and his former political successes in more doubtful districts. The contest for the nomination was long and arduous, 224 ballots being taken before a choice was made. Several Betas were delegates, and Hon. John C. Entrekin, Ohio Wesleyan, '67, of Chillicothe, state representative from Ross county, was a prominent candidate before the convention, and on withdrawal cast his strength for his brother Beta, the nominee.

HON. JOHN W. HERRON, president of the fraternity, was chairman of the Hamilton County Republican convention at Cincinnati, September 29th.

BETHANY.

REV. BENJAMIN LYON SMITH, '78, is pastor of a church in Terre Haute, Ind.

REV. STEPHEN LLOYD DARSIE, '82, has had a wonderful success in the ministry at Cleveland, O., as pastor of the Franklin Avenue Disciples Church. He has renounced celibacy and taken unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Marvin, daughter of a prominent attorney.

THOMAS FILGHMAN HOLTON, '62, is in the insurance business in Lincoln, Ill. The firm is Holton & Campbell. He was elected clerk of the circuit court in 1876, and served eight years.

ERASMUS FRAZIER, '62, is a prominent member of the bar in Shelbyville, Ky. He has occupied a seat on the bench of his state.

M. J. HARTLEY, '78, is a lawyer at Xenia, O.

J. R. LAMAR, '77, is a lawyer at Atlanta, Ga.

REV. C. A. KLEEGERGER, '74, is now located at Wichita, Kan.

JOHNS HOPKINS.

H. R. SLACK, '85, the prizeman and secretary of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, re-enters the university this fall.

THEODORE HOUGH, and Wm. F. Smith, '86, have been appointed instructors at McDonogh Institute, at McDonogh, Md. They are enjoying the country air and comforts very fully, and, to use their own words, are "happy and content."

W. S. Bayley, who received his degree of Ph.D. last June, has been engaged all summer on geological survey for the United States government, up in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, in company with assistant Prof. Geo. H. Williams, of the university.

H. H. WIEGAND, '85, and Edgar Goodman, '80, who represented the chapter at the Cincinnati convention last summer, expressed themselves, on their return, as having had "a glorious time." Wiegand returned *via* Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, and enjoyed himself to such an extent that when he came home he found but \$1.05, all counted, in his pocket.

F. G. YOUNG and A. R. L. Dohme, '86, return to the university this term to take graduate courses in philosophy and chemistry respectively.

R. C. COLE, JR., Dickinson, '79, and Johns Hopkins 1879-'80, has been enjoying the billows and balls of Cape May and Atlantic City all last summer.

MICHIGAN.

W. B. CADY, '82, is now practising law at Sault Ste. Moore, Mich., as a member of the firm of Cady & Cady, attorneys.

GEO. L. PRICE, '86, has a position as assistant engineer of C., B. & Q. R. R.

J. GABRIEL SMITH, '85, is in the law business at Kansas, City, Mo.

E. V. BOPE, '87, is studying law at Cincinnati, O.

G. B. WATSON, '87, is studying law at Columbia, N. Y.

STERLING PARKS, '88, is attending college at Western Reserve.

V. M. TUTHILL, '88, is principal of Lawrence high school, Michigan.

C. L. ANDREWS, '85, is at his home in Chicago.

CENTRE.

CHARLES FISK BEACH, JR., '77, is now located in the practice of law in New York City as senior member of the firm of Beach & Cook, attorneys and counselors at law, 115 Broadway. Brother Beach, who is a graduate of the Columbia Law School, 1881, was until May 1st, 1886, located in Louisville, Ky., (Collins & Beach), and was one of the legal critics on the staff of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. He is the author of a recently issued law treatise on "Contributory Negligence," a fine octavo volume of 560 pages published by Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York. The work has been favorably received by the critics and the profession, and gives the author an extended and eminent reputation as a law writer.

JNO. B. WORRALL, '73, is pastor of a flourishing church at Kankakee, Ill.

FRANK J. CHEEK, '76, is pursuing his theological studies at Princeton, N. J., and will finish in '87.

ROBT. G. EVANS is taking a special course in literature at Princeton.

JNO. A. HERON, '78, ex-chief of District V., can be found at his desk in the Citizens' National Bank, of Danville, Ky.

W. K. ARGO, '79, principal of the Kentucky Institute for Deaf Mutes, was married on the 3rd of October to Miss Belle Chenault, of Louisville, Ky., one of Kentucky's most beautiful daughters. Congratulations to brother and Mrs. Argo.

J. W. GUEST, JR., '84, is at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of New York studying medicine.

B. G. BOYLE, '84, and W. H. Briggs, '85, are living in Louisville; the former with the Chess Carly Co. and the latter with R. Knott & Sons.

W. E. BRYCE, '86, is at Princeton following in the footsteps of his brethren there.

W. B. MATHEWS, '86, will enter the Princeton Theological School.

W. C. WHITBORNE is studying Blackstone at Columbia, Tenn.



CHAPTER LETTERS (CONTINUED).

Note—Owing to an unfortunate oversight, the following seven chapter letters were not inserted in their regular department with the others, but appear here as supplementary, with apologies to the chapters represented :

OHIO STATE.

We began the year strong in numbers and stronger in enthusiasm, sustaining the loss of but one member by graduation. Brother Sabine, to whom we refer, was with us in person the first two meetings of the year, but is now taking post-graduate work at Harvard. He was accompanied thence by his mother and sister, the latter of whom is one of the loyal Beta girls. Brother Gilbert, whose whole-souled, jovial presence we have missed thus far this year, is confined to the sick-room, prostrated by a severe siege of typhoid fever, but is now, we are happy to say, convalescent ; and we fervently trust his chair will not long remain empty.

The exercises of Commencement week were most decidedly successful and reflected credit alike on the out-going class and on the university. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., delivered the Commencement address for the literary societies. The Class Day performances were exceedingly interesting and the excellent history was another testimonial to the genius of our fair co-eds. Brother Sabine as class prophet cast the die for the respective futures of his classmates, with the skill of an oriental juggler. This brother also represented us as one of the orators on Commencement day. As a crowning event for the week our boys, with the fair companionship of their Beta *sorores*, held a most enjoyable boating party at Olentangy Villa, and the merry fleet sailed under Wooglin's ensign of pink and blue. During the summer, also, there were several little gatherings of "Greeks both brave and fair."

But now for a few remarks relevant to the progress of our university : its standard of admission has been raised—one year of Latin being now required for admission to the Preparatory Department, together with several corresponding changes. There has been intimation made, and the present course of the university in a degree confirms the belief, that the abolition of the preparatory school is an event of the not far distant future, although we cannot speak definitely on this point. With the opening of the current year went into effect a much more extended elective system, giving a greater flexibility to the regular courses, and striking, as we think, the happy medium between a too great looseness, sometimes seen, and that too rigid, iron-clad system which obtains in some directions. It is evident that our faculty, consequently our institution, is progressive. Plans are out for the new

geological museum, which, it is hoped, will soon be erected. This will be under the supervision of our venerable Professor Orton.

Our students support three prosperous literary societies, the Browning (ladies'), and the Alcyone and the Horton. The majority of the fraternity men are also identified with the gentlemen's societies, and are good workers. Brother Woodworth just closes his term as president of Alcyone, and can retire from office with a good conscience. Brother Raymond, as chief of the exchequer, will also render up his accounts. In college politics our policy has ever been to steer clear of any combination or scheming trickery; and, although we generally obtain a fair share of college honors, we believe it is, in every case, from personal worth, and not because of connection with any particular organization. Our own principle is "the best man for the office," regardless of fraternity affiliations—unless, of course, some special circumstances should influence our judgment otherwise. As to work in general, all fraternities here are delving their utmost for "spikeable" material; and the way the poor Freshman class is being overhauled and buffeted about is a marvel. We are doing good work and will report in the future.

In athletics considerable interest is manifested at the Ohio State University, but just now lawn tennis leads the van. Brother Floto is vice-president of the association. In base-ball, our best representative is Senior Woodworth, who, with considerable pride, attaches himself to the cognomen of "supernumerary." Brother Hyde spent the summer rustivating, attending to fraternity work, learning to handle with skill his immaculate plug, and in cultivating a Senior moustache—the latter of which, like most of the other Seniors, he had to abandon. Brother Atkins spent his vacation visiting his old home and friends. Brother Skinner remained at the university and worked in the mechanical laboratory most of the summer. And now Brother Youmans, our last initiate of the Freshman class, desires to make his little bow to the Beta world. A number of our city alumni were present at his initiation. Yours to command spent the summer in Michigan and made a short trip among the lakes so numerous there, and a brief visit to Ann Arbor in the hopes of meeting some of old Lambda's delegation. He didn't find any of the boys, but gathered up a few little chunks of enthusiasm he found lying around loose.

We must speak of our new hall, already consecrated by many pleasant memories. We have three rooms in the fine stone-front Hinman-Beatty block, one of the most attractive locations in the city, and have every convenience. The hall, thanks to the liberal assistance of our city alumni, is already well furnished, and, we believe, offers a fraternity home unexcelled by any other chapter here. The resident members talk of organizing an alumni chapter here, which we sincerely hope will soon be accomplished.

Herbert T. Stephens, Cor. Ed.

BELOIT.

Last Commencement six of the strongest men in the graduating class were our brothers, three of them delivering philosophical orations,

while the others ranked in the "distinguished" list. There was "Denny," the prince of good fellows, a man whose ready wit and hearty hand-shake would prevent your feeling lonesome on a desert island. Though so young an alumnus, we are forced to record that he has already "gone and done it." We shall be glad to give particulars when the happy day is fixed. "Denny" played a sly game on the boys during his last year, and we all hope he will never suffer re-Morse in consequence. "Jimmy" Robertson, the artist of the chapter, is another who will be greatly missed. He is a very charming man to talk with and always took a high stand in literary matters. Our president for the greater part of two years, Chi chapter owes him a lasting debt of gratitude for his active and intelligent work in her behalf. To W. S. Axtell, our organist, who for so long managed the financial affairs of the chapter, is due, in large degree, the good condition of our cash book. Quiet little "Bobby" Haymaker, than whom the boys liked nobody better, has always a smile and a friendly grip ready for a wearer of the stars and diamond. Chase and Olds, though late-comers to the hall of Wooglin, have, nevertheless, by their going, left vacant two warm seats around the chapter fire.

But if, O pilgrim Beta, you had wanted to warm your heart again with Grecian love, you should have dropped in on our little closing reunion. Around the organ are gathered the gray-beard of '62 and the callow Freshman, the judge, the doctor, the lawyer, the minister and the undergraduate, and with one heart and one voice they are all "Singing again in the dear old hall of Beta Theta Pi." Over here in the corner sit two old silver-grey friends, who tell over again the stories of their college life, while we boys sit by to listen and applaud. But now comes in our genial "master of the hounds" to announce that the *Supper* is served. When the little feast is over, the judge rises from his seat in response to our repeated calls and begins to speak. He tells us how, a mere boy, he joined the chapter, and this venerable personage verily relates some sad tales of the pranks he and his comrades played on faculties when Chi was under the rose. And he tells of the life-long friendship which he formed in Beta Theta Pi, and now he speaks of the old boys who have passed beyond the bounds of earth y friendship. We sing the "Grip" song and the "Doxology," and our annual reunion is over. Of our alumni the following were present: H. T. Wright, '66; C. A. Works, '73; A. B. Manley, '74; A. R. Sprague, '76; L. A. Pettibone, '77; Wm. A. Keep, '76; L. H. Perkins, '78; Roger Leavitt, '82; R. D. Salisbury, '81; H. S. Fiske, '82; Steven Martindale, '80; F. D. Jackson, '84; H. H. Swain, '84; H. S. Shedd, formerly of '86; B. G. Bleasdale, formerly of '87.

Honors and prizes we are loth to speak of; not that we are ashamed of the record we have made in that respect, but because we think such things furnish poor data by which to judge of the life and standing of a chapter. But as the regulations require it, we give below a few of our *honoraria*. On prize declamation at Commencement time we had four speakers out of the eight selected as competitors, but though our representatives did well, they failed, all of them, to obtain a

first prize. Here, also, it was announced that J. A. Lyman, '88, had won the Rogers scholarship, given to the leading scholar of the Sophomore class. At the Class-Day exercises Chi was represented in the person of the historian, Mr. J. R. Robertson, who wittily told of the "Decline and Fall of the Class of '86."

At the annual meeting of the alumni A. R. Sprague, of the class of '76, delivered the yearly oration and took the house by storm. On Commencement day proper the Betas were represented, as aforesaid, by six strong men, three of whom were assigned first grade orations, while the others were in the second rank. Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, himself a Beta, was expected to deliver an address on Commencement day, but was detained at the last moment. It is pretty early for honors this fall, but still we have a few on the list. The presidency of the Sophomore class, and of the Delian literary society, the poet and one of the speakers on the next Archaen debate, five out of eight positions on the *Round Table* board, including the editor-in-chief, literary and local editors, and the Greek oration, first honor, for the coming Junior Exhibition, which has just been awarded to J. A. Lyman, '88. The campaign this fall opened with a rush, and it is astonishing to see the lengths to which "rushing" is carried this year. Our rivals are active and energetic and seem to be in an enormous hurry to get men. But with the prestige of almost thirty successful seasons behind us, we can afford to be somewhat slower and more dignified in our departures. That by no means signifies idleness or inattention to the work, for we have been and are up and in the fight. The present numerical situation of the various chapters at Beloit is as follows: Sigma Chi—'87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 4; '90, 1; total, 8. Phi Kappa Psi—'87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 2; '90, 1; total, 9. Beta Theta Pi—'87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 3; '90, 1; total, 10. But you may look for some radical changes in this schedule within a few weeks.

Arthur H. Armstrong, Cor. Sec.

Harry M. Hyde, Cor. Ed.

WITTENBERG.

The apprehensions with regard to the future of the chapter, caused by the late loss of so many members by graduation and from other causes, have proved to be entirely without foundation. Indeed, the chapter has not for some years past enjoyed so great a measure of material prosperity as at present prevails. Our success in the acquisition of new men has been uninterrupted by any failures, and, in consequence, our meetings are enlivened both by members and by enthusiasm. Several of the class of '86 have returned to the college, to pursue the theological course; and brother Pretzman, late of '86, who has been absent for the past year and a half pursuing studies in Europe, is with us again, and enters into the affairs of the chapter with characteristic enthusiasm. Brother Williams, first-honor man of '85, who has been devoting himself to the study of law in this city since his graduation, will soon leave Springfield to locate in Cincinnati. While we regret to

lose so active and capable a co-worker, we take great pleasure in commending him to the Cincinnati alumni, and bespeak for him a cordial welcome on their part.

S. S. Keller, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

At the beginning of the new term we find a chapter of eleven men instead of the eighteen we had at the end of last year. Six of these we lost by graduation and one, Fred S. Watkins, is attending the School of Mines at Golden, Colo. Of the graduates, Will F. Mozier, Elbridge H. Sabin, and Norman M. Campbell were appointed to speak Commencement day, Mozier having the valedictory, which has been in the chapter the last two Commencements. Charles M. Porter delivered the address to the Juniors on class-day and Will M. Woodward appeared in the leading *role* of the German play.

With the opening of college we had eleven men in the field, to whom we have since added two more, making a good working number. The small debt we have been carrying for the past few years vanished last term, so that we commence the new year with a clear record and the brightest of prospects. On the evening of September 25th two Freshmen were initiated into the mysterious of Betadom. They were Donald Macrae, of Council Bluffs, and Leon Brown, of Jefferson, Iowa. Alpha Beta has this year, as she has always had, more than her share of the military honors. Her two Seniors have been appointed captains while two Juniors have the position of first sergeants. If the year proves to be as bright as our prospects seem we shall have much to enjoy and little to complain of. The university, in the face of the adverse criticism of last spring, has opened with an increased attendance, the Freshman class being larger than any other that has entered for the last four years. There have been but few and unimportant changes in the faculty.

Marvin H. Dey, Cor. Sec.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Out of fifteen who were here last year, thirteen returned. On the 20th of September we lifted Fred. D. Cornell from the Phi Gamma Deltas. Mr. Cornell is from Wyandotte, Kan., and is the son of the general passenger agent of the Union Pacific Railway. He was initiated at Kansas University but on coming here became dissatisfied and we lifted him, as we have done several others of the same fraternity. He is one of the best men in the Freshman class in very respect. ✓

In the game played with the base-ball nine of DePauw University which we won by a score of twelve to five, brother Cornell pitched and brother Rabb, one of our worthy Seniors, stood behind the bat. We were further strengthened by the return of Walter D. Howe, '89, and on October 9th inst., we initiated Frank Post, also a Freshman.

We "spiked" him against two other fraternities and are proud of our victory, as he is a most worthy student. The university opened this year with a larger attendance than ever before; and with a live president such as we now possess there is no reason why the Indiana University shall not become *the* university of Indiana.

Of those of our chapter who did not return, Crockett is principal of the Bloomfield (Ind.) high schools, Atkinson is principal of the Pennsville (Pa.) high schools, and Thornton will attend the Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. We regard the strength of our rivals in about the following order: Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta.

Albert Miller, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

At last Commencement our chapter consisted of eight members. Although we had organized only a few weeks before, after initiating five new members, it was with sincere regret that we said good-bye to four of our best men. Still, there was compensation in the fact that two of our members, in becoming alumni of the university, had received the highest honors it was in the power of the literary societies to bestow. Brother F. M. Newton was elected president of the annual joint celebration, and C. N. Miller, orator for the same occasion to represent the Athenaeum. J. H. Simpson, our president, having finished his course, on account of sickness and other unforeseen circumstances, failed to graduate and will not return; and S. W. Hart also regrets the necessity of being absent during the present session. Our outlook for the year is bright. We have remaining four earnest, active and harmonious members, with a prospect of three more of the same description, two of whom were known to one of our members before the matriculation, and one of whom gained the respect of his fellow students last term. At our next meeting, October 8th, we will elect officers for the year and initiate the new men. Our intercourse with the members of rival fraternities, which are numerous, is most friendly, and judging from their expressions, our fraternity has won their highest respect.

Wm. L. Stiles, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The university opens this fall with a larger attendance of new students than ever before, and consequently there has been lively fraternity work. At our first initiation, October 9th, we take in three excellent men, and brother C. A. Copeland, of Beta Delta Cornell, enters the law department. At Commencement we lost three men; Shedd, A. B., and Martindale and Stoddart, law. Brother Shedd's oration was pronounced the finest among the Commencement orations and the chapter feels that he did her great honor. Shortly before Commencement we

had the pleasure of entertaining seven brothers of Chi, Beloit College, at the double initiation of brothers Dwight and McConnell. The usual *dopy* was indulged in and Alpha Pi hall rang with Beta songs until the midnight train carried our visitors away.

The chapter-house idea seems growing in favor here, Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, and Gamma Phi Betas now having houses, all of which, however, are rented. Our new college buildings, chemical laboratory, machine shops and science hall are approaching completion. The two former are almost ready for occupancy, but it will be some time before the latter will be completed. When done it will probably be the finest building of its kind in the West. We now have two active college papers, the *Argus* and the *University Press*. The former has been started this fall and promises to be more properly a college organ than the *Press*, as it is issued entirely by the students, while the *Press* is in the hands of outsiders. Upon the editorial staff of the *Argus* we have McConnell, managing editor ; Dwight, general, and Schindler as exchange editor.

Brother Conover was married, September 16, to Miss Isabel Storer, of Madison, which place will be their residence. Shedd will fill a position on the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*; Martindale opens a law office at La Crosse, Wis., and Stoddart has an important position on the legal force of the Northwestern Manufacturing Co., of Stillwater, Minn.

S. S. Cook, Cor. Sec.

ERRATA.

For "alumnial," page 7, line 5, read alumnal.

For "*who*," last word of first paragraph on page 30, read *whom*.

For "Maysville," page 64, read Mayville.

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AN ACADEMIC FRATERNITY.

Perhaps the idea of a minor fraternity, modelled upon the same plan as the college fraternities, but having its chapters in preparatory schools, will appear to many college men chimerical. To a majority, probably, such an idea will, at least, be novel. It may be thought that the conception, organization, development, and management of such an order is beyond the ability of preparatory students. It may be questioned whether the life and government in our academics is congenial to such a growth. Few, we imagine, would be disposed to doubt the beneficial results of an academic fraternity system, if they deemed it practicable. All of the advantages incident to the fraternity system in colleges would be manifested in a more limited degree in an academic system of the same general type. College fraternity men would be especially favorable to such an academic system, because the academic fraternities would furnish admirable material for college Greeks who would be favorably prepared for the higher life. They would furnish, too, a good connecting link which would often prevent or modify the bitter rivalries of college fraternity men. But it is not our intention to discuss abstractly the objections which might be offered to an academic fraternity or the benefits which such an organization might furnish. The whole matter hinges on the question of practicability. This can be best demonstrated by concrete illustration; and in no other way can objections be so well answered or advantages so well proved. The

simple fact is that the fraternity system has been introduced into preparatory schools, has been well tested by experience, and has been eminently successful. This is the general statement of the case. If it be true, there can be little doubt that the academic fraternity has come to stay, and that it should receive recognition and encouragement from college fraternity men. The growth and development of the system will be of no little advantage to the college orders. Indeed, we are inclined to think that it will form, perhaps unconsciously, an epoch in their history. We desire to show that, in one instance at least, an academic fraternity has been successfully established, and is at present in excellent working order. Though by no means the only organization of its kind, the Alpha Phi Fraternity is, so far as we have been able to ascertain, the pioneer; and it is probably the best example of the character and possibilities of an academic system. As such, a sketch of its history and present condition may prove to be of interest.

The Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi is located in Colgate Academy, at Hamilton, N. Y., the seat of Madison University. It was founded as the Alpha Phi Society in 1870. For several years, it had a stormy history; but, in 1876 it was so flourishing that its members conceived the idea of making it the basis of a fraternity modelled after the college orders. This movement was inaugurated by the institution, in the same year, of the Beta chapter, in the Clinton Grammar School, at Clinton, N. Y., the seat of Hamilton College. These two chapters, located within twenty miles of each other, and both in college towns, were well calculated to form the foundation for the new fraternity. In the following year was established the Gamma chapter, in the Delaware Literary Institute, at Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y. About this time an unsuccessful attempt was made to establish a chapter at Cook Academy, Havana, N. Y. The chapter was, in fact, started, under the name of Gamma Chi chapter; but, on account of unfavorable circumstances in the school, and its distance from the other chapters, it died almost immediately. This experience taught the fraternity a salutary lesson, which has been one of the secrets of its successful growth: namely, that it must be content at first to extend gradually from its centre, and that it must not establish distant chapters until it had placed a stepping-stone between.

The fraternity held conventions from the first, and the minutes of its second, third, and fourth conventions were printed. The fourth convention, held at Hamilton, N. Y., in 1879, was remarkably successful for a fraternity of three chapters. Its orator was one of the founders of the society from which the parent chapter was formed. The next

chapter was not established until 1880. This was the Delta chapter, in Whitestown Seminary, at Whitestown, N. Y. During these years the fraternity had been giving itself chiefly to the perfecting of its organization and system of laws. The work of the convention of 1882, held at Hamilton, N. Y., brought these into a condition from which the changes, with one exception, the creation of an executive council, have been comparatively few and uneventful. The fraternity was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York during this year. A new ritual was also adopted, which, with some changes, is in use at the present time.

In the fall of 1884 two events of special interest occurred. The first of these was the establishment of the Epsilon chapter at the Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. The second was the publication of a small pocket song-book, containing some sixteen fraternity songs. At the convention of 1885, there were present two representatives of the Philomathean Fraternity, a loosely organized fraternity of some two or three chapters in New Jersey. They came to consult with representatives from Alpha Phi as to the possibility of a union between the two organizations. As these representatives were accredited from only one chapter, nothing could be done about the other chapters of their fraternity. The body which they represented was, however, established as the Zeta chapter, in Centenary Collegiate Institute, at Hackettstown, N. J. At this convention, and largely as a result of the conference just mentioned, some changes were made in the government of the fraternity. The chief of these was the establishment of an "Executive Council," consisting of three alumni members who are members of different college fraternities, having its headquarters at Hamilton, N. Y. This Council, among other duties, installs new chapters, and sends once each term to all the chapters a printed circular letter reporting the condition of each and every chapter and of the fraternity at large. The Council almost immediately published the ritual and pamphlet containing the constitution and by-laws. The effectiveness of the new methods of government was seen very shortly in the increased prosperity of the fraternity, and in the establishment, early in 1886, of the Eta chapter, in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pa. It is also quite certain that at least one more chapter will be established before the end of the present academic year. The eleventh annual convention was held in August last, with the Epsilon chapter, Gouverneur, N. Y. The next convention, the twelfth, will be held with the Zeta chapter, Hackettstown, N. J.

It will thus be seen that, in a career of a little more than ten years, this academic fraternity has established itself upon a firm basis, has evolved a system of government which will compare very favorably with that of many college fraternities, and has at present seven chapters in three states. These chapters have had varied histories. The career of Alpha has been one of almost uniform success. Beta has had some vicissitudes. The Clinton Grammar School degenerated, and the chapter was in consequence transferred to Kirkland Hall, another school in the same town, and is now in good condition. Gamma has had many ups and downs, dependent chiefly on the condition of the school. Whitestown Seminary, the home of Delta, has been twice closed since 1880, but the property has recently been purchased by the trustees of Hamilton College, which action doubtless assures its future success. Epsilon, Zeta, and Eta have thus far been uniformly prosperous, and are all excellent chapters.

The business of the fraternity is conducted in a systematic and able manner. Its laws are both concise and comprehensive. Its chapter charters are simple in form yet handsome in appearance. A motto for the fraternity is *Ἀρμονία καὶ Φιλία*. Its colors are ruby, gold and blue. Its badge is a beautiful combination of the Greek letters of its name, the "Φ" being of gold and the "Α" of gold enameled with blue, the Α resting upon the Φ, and a ruby set in the Φ between the bases of the Α. The words *Ἀρμονία* and *Φιλία* are engraved on the opposite sides of the Φ. The fraternity is a secret order, though not to the same degree as most of the college fraternities. Its officers form a board of directors, who are the legal representatives of the fraternity. Its financial system is good, and it has always been in excellent financial condition. Private correspondence is largely carried on among the chapters. In short, the fraternity is in every respect a worthy offspring of the college fraternity system. It has passed the experimental stage, and is now exerting itself for a judicious extension of its own limits, and the dissemination of the fraternity spirit in preparatory schools.

The example of a such a fraternity ought to demonstrate the truth of the statements with which we began. It can no longer be doubted that an academic fraternity is practicable, or that, when once firmly and generally established, the fraternity system in academies would be in the highest degree beneficial both to preparatory schools and the college fraternities. It will be the part of wisdom to recognize and encourage this growth; and we have ventured such a discussion here because we believed that Betas will be interested in knowing more about this comparatively new factor in fraternity life.

It is to be regretted that data are so unobtainable on this subject. The writer has a more or less indefinite knowledge of several academic fraternities ; but there is at present no medium through which reliable information can be obtained. It is hoped that this fact will give the information here offered a wider interest. It would be of great interest to us, at least, to receive more detailed information concerning similar organizations. If the present article shall help in any degree to increase the interest of college men in academic fraternities, to gain for the system a fuller recognition and encouragement, or to increase the mutual knowledge of these younger Greeks, our object in writing it will have been attained.

Wm. H. Crawshaw.

BETA THETA PI IN POLITICS.

We Betas have always felt natural pride in the loyalty and zeal of our alumni members, and have often poured into the attentive ears of candidates for initiation the story of the great men who have been worthy and willing to wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi. We have all heard with grateful pleasure how once upon a time a judge of the United States Supreme Court refused the entertainment and company of distinguished politicians that he might mingle once again with students—young men who were strangers to him, except in the bonds of a common brotherhood. We have all learned by heart the list of distinguished members of our fraternity who have upheld the cause in days gone by; and to some Betas has, perhaps, come the notion that our great men have departed from the arena of action, and that we do not have cause to speak with any pride of Betas in active political life to-day. That this is a mistaken notion, the returns of the recent elections offer convincing evidence. A younger, newer generation is coming on to supply the places of our former notables who have passed away or retired; and many Betas are found in the victor's ranks amid the political strife, although some, alas! were of the slain.

However, before looking for newly-elected members, let us see what our present record shows of possessions held. On the United States Supreme Bench we have three members wearing the ermine:

Justice William Burnham Woods graduated from Yale College in 1845. He was one of the earliest members of the Gamma chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Western Reserve College, and the BETA THETA PI

for December, 1878, contains a letter from him as "Recorder of Gamma Chapter." He was initiated in 1842, and was appointed to the Supreme Bench by President Hayes. Associated with him in fraternal life at college and often writing to him was Hon. T. Stanley Matthews, who was initiated in 1841, and was appointed to the bench by President Garfield in 1881. Judge Matthews was recorder of the Cincinnati chapter (Law School), and was very active as a Beta, as may be inferred from an interesting letter by him, written November 24th, 1841, and published in this magazine in November, 1879. His early career, previous to his last eminent attainment, embraces an Ohio judgeship and United States senatorship.

Epsilon chapter, at "Old Centre," furnishes the record of the third justice, John Marshall Harlan, of Kentucky, who was appointed by President Hayes in 1880. Judge Harlan was initiated into Beta Theta Pi in 1850. These three brothers were active student members of our fraternity and worked hard for its growth in the days when friends and partisans were greatly needed.

In the United States Senate, at present, we have only Daniel Woolsey Voorhees, the "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash," who was initiated in 1841. He is well known as a leader of Indiana Democracy, and also as an eminent criminal lawyer. He was an active Beta in college and has often attended chapter meetings and public conventions of the fraternity, in 1870 being orator before the Chicago convention of Beta Theta Pi.

Senator Voorhees will have some Beta company in the Senate before long. The Indiana Legislature is very closely divided and contested with chances favorable to the Democratic party. In the event of its success, Ex-Senator Joseph E. McDonald, of Pi chapter, several of whose sons are also Betas, will be a prominent candidate. He ably represented Indiana from 1875 to 1881, and may have the satisfaction of succeeding his successful opponent of 1881. Mr. McDonald has always shown a cordial feeling for Beta Theta Pi. In Pennsylvania, fair fortune has lately favored Matthew Stanley Quay, at present State Treasurer, for United States Senator to succeed Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Quay was initiated at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1850. He graduated with honor and has had a brilliant career in the old Keystone State where he is now an acknowledged leader of the Republican party. He has been an active Beta in his day and is glad to meet members of his fraternity.

In the House of Representatives several Betas are now serving; but for convenience we will refer to those chosen in the November

elections. Old Miami sends by a majority of 1270, to represent the XII. Ohio district, Jacob J. Pugsley, of Hillsboro, who was initiated in 1857. He has been a prominent Ohio politician, is now a member of the state senate, and will be an honor to the Fraternity and to "Old Miami." He will find Beta company with Courtland Cushing Matson, De Pauw, '59; Robert Roberts Hitt, De Pauw, '55; William McKendree Springer, De Pauw, '57; William Dallas Bynum, Indiana, '68; John M. Allen, Cumberland, '69; John M. Glover, Alpha Iota Prime, '71; William E. Fuller, University of Iowa, '75; and Jonas Howard, De Pauw, '47. Mr. Matson, of Indiana, was initiated in 1859, and has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the Fraternity. He was elected to Congress in 1881 and has been re-elected each term since. Mr. Matson was present at the Chicago convention of 1881 and delivered a response to the address of welcome by the Chicago Betas. Mr. Springer, of Illinois, was first elected to the House in 1875 and has served the XIII. district ever since. In 1858 he graduated from Indiana University, having come from a college in Illinois by way of Greencastle. He was a member of some Illinois chapter, perhaps Sigma Prime, and later of Delta, and has held allegiance to Beta Theta Pi since 1856. Some stories of him were published in the journal last year. Representative Hitt was elected at Asbury College, Greencastle, Ind., in 1853, and has been present at many Beta gatherings. He was for some years private secretary to the late Oliver Perry Morton, of "Old Alpha." He represents the VI. Illinois congressional district. Mr. Bynum, of Indiana, was much opposed for re-election by some of his Democratic brethren; but was returned by a larger majority than ever. Mr. Fuller, of Iowa, graduated from the Iowa University Law School with first honors, in 1875, and has been prominent in politics ever since. Mr. Allen, of Mississippi, left college and entered the Confederate army. He took the degree of L. L. B. from the University of Mississippi in 1870. He has served in Congress before. Mr. Glover, from the old Washington University chapter at St. Louis, was re-elected to Congress by a very small majority, and came near meeting the fate of his fellow Congressman of the forty-ninth Congress—Benton J. Hall of "Old Alpha," who failed of re-election. The III. Indiana district will be represented by Jonas Howard, of Jeffersonville, Ind. He was initiated by Delta chapter in 1847, but did not graduate. He was a chapter mate of D. W. Voorhees, both of them being initiated in the same year, and both of them working together in active fraternity life for the Beta Theta Pi.

Besides our present senators and representatives, Beta Theta Pi is also honored by Gen. James Adams Beaver, of the old Jefferson

chapter, the new Governor of Pennsylvania, who takes his place with Hoadly of Ohio, Morton and Porter of Indiana, Nance of Nebraska, Matthews of West Virginia, Hardin and Crittenden of Missouri and the other Beta governors. News also comes from Pennsylvania of the election of Boies Penrose, '81, of Harvard, to the state senate. He has been a member of the lower house and is growing in influence. President Cleveland has lately chosen William B. Burnet, of Alpha Beta, as District Attorney for Southern Ohio, making him a suitable companion for Henry Wise Hobson, of Omicron, who is U. S. District Attorney for Colorado. Even in the territories, Betas are active, and among them Willis Van Devanter, De Pauw, '77, is elected to the Wyoming legislature as a Republican. John C. Entrekin, of Ohio Wesleyan, who was a prominent candidate for nomination against Congressman Pugsley, is the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. There are many other Betas prominently before the country in the various states, in the supreme and inferior courts, and state legislatures; but enough names have been mentioned here to show that Beta Theta Pi is still in its vigor and that, as old members pass away, new ones grow up to reflect honor upon the Fraternity. It is also a cause for congratulation that these more or less distinguished Betas mentioned and referred to were all regularly initiated as students and bear no "honorary" brand. Many items regarding them may be found in the personal department from time to time in the past and future, and it will be of interest to refer again to the list of prominent Betas classified on page 118 of Volume IX. of the BETA THETA PI. With all the possibilities open to the youth of our land, and with carefully chosen members going out into active life each year, Beta Theta Pi is destined to rejoice in the prominence of its members and to see even greater honor given to those who have worked in our chapters in regular college life. Let no young Beta be led into thinking that our fraternity can only point to gray hairs and honorary members for prominent representatives.

F. W. Shepardson.

CHICAGO REUNION AND BANQUET.

The union "dorg," long proposed and long earnestly desired by the chapters located near Chicago, has at last become a matter of history. Not the least enjoyable of its results is the certainty that it is but the first in a series of such gatherings, which will not only prove

occasions of pleasure, but will also result in real benefit to the Chicago alumni and to the neighboring chapters.

In response to the invitation issued by D. G. Hamilton, Frank Lord, Samuel Doucy, Charles Morris, and Charles Zeublin, representing the alumni of the city, the Beloit, the Wisconsin, and the Northwestern chapters, forty Betas assembled in Kinsley's parlors on the evening of the 22nd of December last. The representation was fairly divided between undergraduates and alumni; between those coming from more distant chapters, and the members of district VIII. From the intimate relations which here existed between most of the chapters participating, it was an occasion for the renewal of many friendships of long standing, and for the chapters most largely represented it was in the nature of a reunion.

After allowing sufficient time for the greetings and introductions, the company ascended to the large banqueting hall for the discussion of the courses, which were served with the skill and taste for which the Chicago caterer has become noted. The outer page of the *menu* card read :

Union Dorg | Chi, Alpha Pi, and Rho Chapters | of | Beta Theta Pi, | Kinsley's, | December 22nd, 1886.

Within was the

MENU.

Green Turtle Soup.

Red Snapper Sauce Hollandise.

Parisienne Potatoes.

Roast Fillet of Beef with Mushrooms.

Potato Croquettes.

Roman Punch.

Broiled Quail.

Lettuce Salad.

Glace.

Coffee.

Cake.

The Rho boys had provided a supply of song-books, and the courses were interspersed with the old favorites, rendered in such manner as to show that singing is far from being a lost art among Chicago Greeks. First and last the musical *menu* was even more critically and exhaustively discussed than that of edibles. Frank H. Scott, Rho '76, acted as toast-master of the evening. After the cigars had been passed, in a neat speech of introduction, he called upon C. D. Roys for "The Fraternity." Walter Teis Smith responded to "Lambda." Gen. R. W. Smith had excused himself from speaking on a formal toast, but the veteran was not allowed to escape. With a few warm words of gratitude for

the services which Gen. Smith has always rendered to the Beta cause in the West, the toast-master pledged him in the name of all present. In response the General gave a short talk of reminiscence. The remainder of the toast list is as follows:

- "The Boys," R. S. Grosscup;
- "Rho," H. F. Briggs;
- "The Dorg," T. M. Baxter;
- "Alpha Pi," Chas. F. Harding;
- "Chi," Saml. O. Dauchy;
- "Delta," Jas. A. Burhans.

The speeches were of an unusually high standard of force and spirit, and the interest in them was unabated to the end. The defection of a large delegation of Rho men, who had to catch the "owl" train, did not even dampen the enthusiasm; and after the signal for rising had been given, and thumbs been sorely tested in the "shake-up," small groups lingered about the hall in conversation and farewells. The whole evening was pervaded with a warmth and cordiality which speak well for Beta spirit in the West, and which betoken the continuance of the banquets. The time was happily chosen. Scarcely any organized effort was directed towards securing a general attendance; but in future years, with the understanding that this season is set apart for a Beta banquet, there seems no doubt but that the numbers participating will be rapidly doubled and trebled.

The roster for the evening shows the following in attendance:

North Western—Frank H. Scott, '76; W. Teis Smith, '79; Frank E. Lord, '83; D. H. Bloom, J. P. McWilliams, Wm. D. Fullerton, '85; C. S. Tomlinson, '86; Bond Stowe, C. N. Zeublin, Henry Rand Hatfield, '87; H. R. Calkins, F. E. Miller '88; P. R. Shumway, H. F. Briggs, Clark J. Tisdell, John B. Young, '89.

Wisconsin—Charles F. Harding, '75; K. K. Knapp, '82; Geo. L. Thayer, '87.

Beloit—Saml. O. Dauchy, Herbert C. Brown, '87.

Michigan—T. M. Baxter, C. D. Roys, '62; Henry Bitner, '84; Chas. L. Andrews, '86; Walt. Teis Smith, '88; Fred Jenner Hodges, '88.

De Pauw—Jas. A. Burhans, '75; Heman Spalding, '77.

Miscellaneous—H. Russell Smith, Stevens, '88; W. G. Eggleston, Hampden-Sidney, '77; R. W. Smith, Williams, '50; O. P. Erskine, Indiana, '83; Frank A. Lyman, Western Reserve, '89; Jno. A. Robison, Monmouth, '80; C. H. J. Douglass, Brown, '79; P. S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '72.

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EDITORIAL.

Know Thyself—and Others.

OUR experience goes to show that the Fraternity man who takes sufficient interest in his respective order to become an authority upon its chapters, its organization, its history, etc., is of a very small minority as compared with his more indolent or less zealous brethren. This is by no means a reflection upon our own Fraternity, for we venture the assertion, and honestly believe it to be true, that no Greeks are better informed in regard to their own Fraternity, or the Fraternity system in general, than are Betas. Nor is this all we believe; for we have been trying to put it as mildly as possible. If we could whisper it to Betas alone, and without danger of injuring the self-love of our rivals, we would say that Betas, as a rule, know more about their own and other Fraternities than any other class of Fraternity men. This is bold and egotistical, we are aware; but, nevertheless, it has its foundation of credulity, and is not a piece of mere reckless self-glorification. Remember, too, that we say it to Betas only; and have we not a right to slap each other on the back occasionally with congratulatory vigor? There are reasons why the Fraternity knowledge of the average Beta is as good, at least, as that of any of his rivals. Chief among these reasons is the fact that he has better facilities for acquiring this knowledge. Our system of semi-annuals keeps us well informed of the status of our own chapters, and gives us much valuable information in regard to other Fraternities. We knew a Beta a few years ago, in an eastern college, who was able to inform the members of a rival chapter that their Fraternity had established a chapter in a Western state. The fact that we have forty-eight chapters, distributed among the best colleges in all sections of the country, and that we meet more rivals than any other college Fraternity, gives us a clear advantage in breadth of general information, in interest, and in tolerance.

While all this is true, is it not also true, as implied in our first sentence, that Betas, as well as other fraternity men, know much too little of their own Fraternity? Too many Fraternity men

look upon their chapters as mere local clubs of a social, literary, or other nature. They know, of course, that these chapters have wider relations, and they have a certain pride in the fame and success of their Fraternity. But our point is that the Fraternity is to them merely the background of the picture, and is not so much of a reality as is the chapter. They have a theoretical interest in its welfare, and a theoretical desire to know more about it; but these fade into thin air when some practical test is applied. We venture to say that there are Fraternity men, not to say Betas, who could not tell impromptu how many chapters there are in their Fraternity, and how many in their own state. When we come to ask for the name and college of every chapter in the Fraternity, how many men shall we find in a chapter who are able to answer? To go much farther than this would leave us a very small minority indeed. In some Fraternities of variable conditions, ever starting and ever losing chapters, there is more excuse for ignorance. When we consider the advantages which Betas possess, little excuse for them will appear for this condition of affairs. As to knowledge of other Fraternities, what shall we say? If we haply know so little about ourselves, it is quite probable that we know much less about our neighbors. Knowledge of other Fraternities is not, of course, so important to us as knowledge of our own concern, yet this knowledge of our rivals in the Greek world is well worth the time and trouble necessary to acquire it. It will prove both interesting and profitable to men personally; and, above all, it will add strength to our own chapters, and through them to our Fraternity. In every contest, it is of the highest importance to have a thorough knowledge of the enemy. If we could go into a campaign fully aware of the points of vantage of our opponents, as well as of their weaknesses, our knowledge of our own Fraternity could be used much more effectively. Other advantages will readily appear to one who gives the matter a careful consideration. Probably few will deny that the only reasons for our ignorance are indolence and lack of interest. None, surely, will uphold these as valid reasons for the continuance of that ignorance.

The remedy for this evil is with the chapters. The means of knowledge are at hand. First and best is Wm. R. Baird's "Fra-

ternity Manual," which should be carefully studied by every Greek. Then there are the Fraternity journals. We all read our own magazine, of course; but do we also read the organs of other Fraternities? Most of them can be obtained at a moderate expenditure, and they are well worth reading. Every chapter ought to have upon its table at least the organs of the Fraternities which have chapters in its own college. To have the journals of other leading Fraternities would be well worth the expense. They often contain historical sketches and discussions of Fraternity topics which are very valuable. In our own journal, such papers as those of brother Baird, upon the history of our Fraternity, which appeared in Vol. XI., 1883-84, should be carefully studied. They are a mine of valuable information. Nor is a close examination of the semi-annuals to be ignored. We have already hinted at the way in which their contents are useful. Private correspondence will form an admirable supplement to the more formal letters.

Every new brother should be made to realize that he is a member of a great fraternity and that he is expected to be thoroughly informed about its history, organization, chapters, government, present condition, and policy for the future. This can be done rather by creating and fostering an ardent Fraternity spirit than by any formal maxims or exhortations. Fraternity studies, made in an informal and interesting way, will furnish the means of information. Many chapters have such a system, with varying methods to suit differing men and circumstances. With such studies universally in vogue, can there be any doubt that new strength and power would be added to our Fraternity life and loyalty?

Pan-Hellenic Union.

QUITE a number of times of late has comment been made of the centralization and unification of the fraternity system in the United States, without attracting that degree of consideration which, perhaps, its importance deserves. Turning to a somewhat analogous case, the careful observer of events has noticed a novel tendency in modern religious work. In years gone by there were great debates, in which chosen champions of opposite religious beliefs met each other in single combat, armed with lances poisoned

with rival bigotry and invective ; to-day we hear of " conferences," " inter-seminary alliances " and the like, where creeds and " isms " are forgotten in the earnest search for truth ; while smaller churches are planning to unite with larger ones, and the lines of religious warfare are less clearly defined.

Forgetful of the influence of the great unifying principles that underlie the church, some of our contemporaries in the fraternity world have attempted to use this illustration to advocate an ultimate union of the American fraternities. Certainly there has been a growth of courtesy among the fraternities. A few years since it was considered the smart and proper thing for one fraternity to steal and publish the secret work of another, whenever possible. Illy-concealed hatred often gave way to open warfare, and the fraternity quarrels engendered such a spirit of strife and animosity in college life that many institutions refused longer to allow the presence of the secret societies. But our day has seen a great change. The pan-hellenic spirit is abroad in the land, and although not yet practically crystallized, it may some day be reduced to a system, operating over the college world generally, as it does in some few institutions here and there. Pan-hellenic banquets and inter-society hops are becoming familiar features of college life. The publication of college " annuals," where members from the various societies meet as representative editors, and the exchange of fraternity publications, are steps in the march of improvement. Now most editors are inclined to eliminate from chapter letters such items as show bitter spirit toward rivals, and so there has grown up, little by little, a regard for the feelings of opponents that is truly refreshing after the striking hostilities and abuse formerly in vogue.

The fraternities have common purposes. Their constitutions, rituals and general organization are largely identical, and whatever of college discipline is of advantage to one, works to the good of the others. The absorption of smaller societies by larger ones has also been going on quietly for some years. Beta Theta Pi has welcomed with outstretched hands Alpha Sigma Chi, Alpha Kappa Phi, and Phi Kappa Alpha. Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow have recently consolidated, and other instances might easily be adduced. But from these tendencies to union are we to infer

that the American college fraternities are to be consolidated into one great fraternity, or even be united into a few large fraternities? The answer must be in the negative, for there is here no centralizing power. Life, indeed, comes to many from opposition. The healthful spirit of rivalry is that which gives zeal and encouragement to fraternity circles. Take away from our chapters the ambition to excel this rival here or that one there, to raise our banner higher than the rest, and fraternity life would lose much of its interest and stimulus. Some change must come in college life, some new and stronger mutual incentive must be discovered, some more cosmopolitan rule be adopted, that will make membership in the one fraternity desirable, before any one can advocate, with seriousness or with force, the unification of the system.

You Can Prove Anything by Statistics.

THE old saying that "figures will not lie" has long since been disproved. They do sometimes lie most abominably. The fraternity mathematician is a monumental proof of the assertion. Not that he is a—prevaricator. No; but he juggles with facts and figures until the weary brain of the spectator can no longer follow his daring manipulations and sinks dazed into impotent acquiescence. Withal he has a genial and open countenance which would deceive the very elect, and a smile that is "child-like and bland." He sets forth his arguments with an air of such perfect honesty and candor that to doubt the validity of his conclusions would be next to impossible. And yet this guileless youth, like Ah Sin, is full of "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." He has before him, if he can only be made to realize it, a brilliant future as a thimble-rigger or three-card monte man. Perhaps he may shine as a prestidigitateur. This nimble genius is well known to all readers of fraternity journals. In the columns of his own fraternity organ, the fraternity mathematician is in his element. There he allows himself free scope, and all the more so if he is writing anonymously. He is, of course, most numerous in rival fraternities. How our hearts go out toward the poor unfortunate editor, who is absolutely powerless against him.

This familiar character would be amusing if he were not become an arrant nuisance. But it is utterly useless to inveigh

against him, for he only laughs in his sleeve and begins to prepare another chapter letter full of statistics. How many instances of his trickery might we cite! An aggravated case came under our notice recently. The mathematician was a member of a rival fraternity in a college where we have a chapter. He was comparing honors in the graduating class. His figures proved conclusively that his chapter had taken at least three times as many honors as the Betas. There was no denying it, for his figures were correct. The only trouble was there were not enough of them. He had forgotten (?) to state that there was only one Beta in the class, while his own chapter had eight men, and that this single Beta had taken more honors than any three of his rivals. So instances might be multiplied. This one is a chance specimen of hundreds of others. We feel like crying out for a remedy; but it is perhaps too much to be hoped that fraternity life will be rid of the evil this side of the millenium. The character whom we have been portraying is incorrigible; but there is another class with whom something may be done. Some honest correspondent, seeing the wonderful results of the thimble-rigger's manipulations, may be tempted to indulge in a like juggling with figures. For heaven's sake, brother Greek, whoever you are, don't do it! Save the character of your chapter by a plain, unbiased statement of the facts. If you have cause for jubilation, well and good; but don't be afraid of the truth even if it does not seem so gorgeous. Or if you must lie, do it straight, and do not play the hypocrite. We hardly dare speak to you as a Beta, for it may be treasonable to think that any of *our* chapter letters are thus manipulated. But if you *are*, by any possibility, a disciple of Wooglin, we beseech you by the dorg to "tell the truth and shame the devil."

Honorary Members.

Several contributions from different sources contained in this issue happen to touch strongly upon the well-worn subject of honorary members of a fraternity. Beta Theta Pi does not pretend to take a Pharisaical attitude in this matter, for she would not and can not; but we think that it may distinctly be claimed that our fraternity is certainly as free as and almost freer than any other fraternity from carrying this process of glory-seeking to

a contemptible excess. As is clearly shown by the article on Betas in public life, all of our present eminent men were original Betas, initiated as students; and the comparatively limited number of honorary members we possess were taken into our ranks chiefly because they wanted to be, and because of mutual friendship and regard between them and certain of our chapters with whom they came in contact. Then, also, in a different way, we have elected as honorary members certain gentlemen who were at the time without special public reputation, but were desirable only in their personal attractions and in latent promise; and it is in some degree a compliment to our foresight as a fraternity that in so many cases such gentlemen have proved themselves so worthy of the confidence and regard so early shown them. To all effect, such men are true Betas in spirit as well as in action, and rarely out-grow, but rather more deeply cherish their attachment for the fraternity which had honored them when they were obscure, and which they in turn are privileged to honor by their later personal eminence.

Such a Beta was ex-Vice President Schuyler Colfax, who, although ever tauntingly referred to by rivals (who also in turn elected him into their orders) as an "honorary" member, as he technically was, had been elected into Betadom while yet a young man without fame or fortune. And he always remained a Beta in preference to other fraternity claims upon him, his latest public appearance before our fraternity being at the great Chicago convention of 1881, where he was present both as an interested spectator and as an enthusiastic after-dinner orator at the notable banquet on that occasion. He was, perhaps, the most distinguished of our honorary *genuine* members; but there are others remaining whom we regard with affection and delight to honor, knowing that they are true brethren indeed.

An Academic Fraternity.

We present in this issue a paper on the origin, progress and history of an academic fraternity, a subject which, we doubt not, will prove both novel and engaging to our readers. Few, indeed, are aware that such an organization as this described exists at all, and although the scope and intention of the article is but to

touch briefly upon the affairs of the Alpha Chi fraternity, this particular society is but taken as a convenient and leading type of other associations of a similar nature, concerning which we are at present unable to present fuller information. Additional details along this line of inquiry will be gladly welcomed from others whose circumstances or interest may lead them to furnish descriptive material relating to this matter.

The institution of academic fraternities marks a new era in fraternity affairs. In the college world the field is pretty thoroughly occupied, and the tendency is rather toward consolidation than multiplication of fraternities in point of numbers, while in practical effect the dominance of a few leading orders is continually crowding weaker rivals to the wall in respect to importance and influence. The idea of ladies' fraternities has also long since suggested itself, and by this time nearly every one of us of the sterner sex has a special protege of the fairer sort wearing our badges for us and writing us tender verse. When there are at last enough to go 'round then we may confidently and imperiously assert that the lines shall be drawn tight to exclude any further attempts to invent new sororities who would have no one to love them.

Thus it will be clearly seen that the only territory yet left for invasion or missionary efforts is the preparatory school. This has long since, however, been a subject of contention or jest, although we trust it will be so no more for a little time, at least in Beta Theta Pi. Now there is offered the excellent opportunity to train and prepare the callow "prep." for future distinction as a member of a national or conservative fraternity (of which he can afterwards take his choice, as we ourselves do now), by inducting him into the sacred mysteries and unmentionable profanities of a real live fraternity, all his own to labor and play with. Here may he early learn and practice the accomplishments that will befit him for a more advanced career as a fraternity man, and save himself a season of immaturity upon entering upon that delightful consummation. Thus may he early develop his tastes and talents to that large and varied extent so desirable, and if he has begun early enough he may at last, like many of his coming compeers, learn to know everything and everybody but—himself.

The Semi-Annals.

In this issue appears our customary bi-yearly review of the chapter semi-annals—the December instalment. This review is chiefly intended for the benefit of our general readers, and as a convenient summary in brief of the leading contents of these interesting and important circulars. For those in active chapter life who have ready access to them in full at first hand, we would earnestly advise a careful study of them in detail, as no more effectual method of informing one's self regarding the condition and affairs of our chapters and our rivals can be devised than by consulting the semi-annals and the chapter-letters. Especially in regard to our numerous opponents, a fresh and vigorous estimate may be obtained of them, and a more perfect insight into their status and general characteristics in a variety of institutions. We may also suggest that each chapter devote some special occasion to the consideration of these circular letters, having each read aloud and commented upon. They should also be neatly filed away for general examination and convenient reference, preferably in a scrap-book, and arranged in regular order by districts according to the official list of chapters.

The completeness of our review is somewhat impaired by the fact that about a dozen of the chapters have failed to issue reports, or if issued, they have not been sent to the proper authorities. In some cases, this failure indicates or results from weakness in certain chapters themselves; but in most instances it means only weakness in the management, representing a wanton neglect on their part that is wholly inexcusable, while also provocative of unfair reflection by others upon chapters otherwise in good repute, and undeserving of the poor service rendered them by indolent or incompetent officials.

MISCELLANY.

A Foster Brother.

Conspicuous among the pleasing features of Beta Theta Pi is the subtle magnetism by which it commends itself to the regards of all who are in any way brought into contact with it. This is true not only with regard to Betas, but also to outsiders who have from an unprejudiced standpoint observed the objects and influence of Beta Theta Pi, as manifested through its members, and are imbued with a profound respect for the order. The writer recently enjoyed a very pleasant little experience illustrative of this, which, perhaps, it will do no harm to relate.

It was just before the opening of the college year, and the first stragglers were beginning to stray in, harbingers of the coming throng. Such of the boys as chanced to be in the city had on this occasion, as was annually the custom, gathered at the depot to welcome back to old I. U. the familiar faces of old friends and extend greeting to the new boys who accompanied them. Awaiting the arrival of the train, I was chatting with some college friends, when, hearing my name called, I turned, to find that I was wanted to join a group of three of my brethren who were gathered around a middle-aged man, whom I had long known by sight as the head of one of Cincinnati's charitable institutions. Never having had any acquaintance with the gentleman, I had never had occasion to inform myself as to whether or not he was a Beta, but seeing him thus surrounded by a group of undergraduate Betas, my immediate and natural conclusion was that he, too, was one of us. Under that impression, therefore, I advanced to the group and was duly presented. I was somewhat surprised, to be sure, to hear him designated simply as *Mr.* "Green," but as he gave me the grip, with a facility to be acquired only by long practice, I regarded the circumstance as merely an oversight.

The perfect acquaintance with the affairs of the fraternity which his conversation made manifest served to put us all on a footing of intimacy at once. To say that he was enthusiastic in his admiration for Beta Theta Pi would but feebly express his temperament. In a twinkling he was as eager as a school-boy, endowed with all the enthusiasm peculiar to those individuals, and that heartiness was not only abounding but was also magnetic and contagious. The very pressure of his hand, so warm and hearty, thrilled every fibre of one's organism,

and breathed into the soul of him who felt it that inspiration for which the clasp of Beta hands is peculiar. His flowing discourse, too, fraught as it was with loyalty, enthusiasm, hope, and courage, was as an infusion of fresh ardor, to stay our sinking spirits, depressed that day by the intelligence that one of our "giants" would not return to college.

He told of the boys of his day, of "Ed. Terrell" and "Bob McKaig," what they did, and how they did it; he touched upon college jokes and scrapes and he told of retribution visited upon reckless jokers. He spoke of Beta Theta Pi, of the grandeur of the order itself, the nobility of its purpose, and of the social and mental worth of its sons. Of a truth, his failing might be diagnosed by dyspeptics as "the out-of-college form of the 'gush disease,'" but never will any of those four boys who listened to him there forget the impression made upon them, or fail to recognize the intrinsic worth of his words, in urging them onward and upward, so that the splendor of good deeds well done might reflect on Beta Theta Pi, and "add to the glorious halo which now surrounds her." As the time for parting approached he turned his attention to nerving us for the coming struggle whose day was then sullenly dawning. His words of encouragement, exhortation and promise burned deep into the mind of every listener of us, and each took a secret, solemn vow that no failure on the part of the chapter should be attributable to himself.

By this time I was anxious to learn which of our chapters could proudly claim this man as her own, and was thunderstruck to learn that he was not a Beta, having never attended college, but had acquired his knowledge of the fraternity and its members by associating with those boys of whom he had spoken, while they were in college, and his esteem for the fraternity had grown from the insight thus acquired. The train puffed up to the platform and we bade adieu to our friend, and as he was borne away we waved him a cordial parting salute. Then as we stirred, as if to leave the depot, Madison grasped my arm, at the same time indicating the direction the train had gone. "There," said he, "went a man a Beta in all but name. I wonder how many such this country affords?" He spoke truly. Our friend was as good a Beta as any of us, but fate had decreed he never should be so denominated. He is not our brother, but can we not claim him as a foster brother?

R. F. Hight.

A Bit of Heresy.

Our convictions are often strengthened by hearing or reading the views of opponents, and antagonism to a favorite idea often calls

out more open advocacy on our part. If, then, the thoughts here expressed seem heretical to some, let them rest even more securely entrenched behind their own arguments in favor of strict construction of our fraternity constitution.

The convention minutes tell a story such as this: "A person not a student has been elected and initiated by — chapter. The Constitution of 1879, and the Laws adopted in 1881, make such a member ineligible. We, therefore, report that this gentleman is not a member of the fraternity, and recommend that his name be erased from the roll, if it has been enrolled." The writer does not know the gentleman referred to in the report, but presumes he is a very desirable man, or else the chapter censured would not have violated the rules a second time in this way. These cases of discipline call to our attention the temptations that come at times, even to our best and strictest chapters. Honorary elections are certainly to be opposed at all times; that is, honorary elections where some famous politician, divine or literary man is initiated, even though he never walked through college halls as a student. There are cases, however, where it is hard to resist the temptation to elect men not students. When I was an active member of a chapter there was a young fellow in town who associated entirely with Betas. His brother was a member of our fraternity, and all his surroundings were Beta in nature. He himself had studied in the preparatory school, had been pledged to Beta Theta Pi and had fully intended to enter upon the regular college course, when the death of his father and a good business opening changed all his life's plans, and he left school. He never crossed the Rubicon into college's sacred precincts, but his former boon companions in "prepdom" became Betas and associated with him daily as before; and yet, according to our interpretation of the constitution, which was very strict, he couldn't be initiated into Beta Theta Pi. To add to our distress, our nearest chapter was a firm believer in "prep." initiations, and had some members who were hardly out of knee breeches, first year "preps.," who couldn't tell a Greek letter from a cyclone. We had heard, too, of one chapter that elected members from a preparatory school which was entirely separate from the college.

The temptation was great but we withstood it, and lost a man who was in every way worthy to wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi. I believe such an initiation would have done no harm, and I have seen four or five other cases where I would have voted to initiate a man not a student and not strictly eligible to membership. Some southern fraternities used to have chapters unconnected with colleges,

located in towns here and there. That was an extreme in one way, and the initiation of a celebrated man is an extreme in another direction, but sometimes the temptation is very strong to elect a man not a student, and who will in no sense bring added glory to the fraternity, except such as comes to us when any worthy young initiate plights his faith

"To Wooglin, the monarch of mind,
The god of the Greeks, of yore."

Heretic.

Kind Words.

"*Commendatio Critici Summa Ars Est.*" The quarterly magazine is a long step in advance of the BETA THETA PI when first I had the privilege of beholding it. That was in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four. I had just been born into the Greek world, and it has often been a marvel to me since that I did not die of fright at the aspect of those terrible owls and dragons and griffins. And then they were constantly terrifying me with their presence, coming every month, so that I never had a chance to outgrow my terror, and if my manhood is a failure and a blight, I shall ascribe it all to the evil effects of my infantile training. Therefore, do not frighten children.

In view of the policy of our board of editors in making the BETA THETA PI the organ of the fraternity and not a milk-and-water imitation of the literary giants of the metropolis, I approve heartily the quarterly plan; for the quarterly not only fills the requirement, but does it far better. We want our reading "boiled down" in this moving age. The appearance of the magazine is far better than it has ever been in my generation. The paper is good, the typographical work is clear, and the cover is consistent with our conservative spirit as a fraternity—that spirit we admire so enthusiastically. The arrangement might be improved an iota. But we are praising now, and will not lay stress on that. If every Beta is not proud of the journal, and does not give it a hearty support, he is unworthy the name of *A Beta.*

Special Notice.

Several important communications intended for this magazine having lately gone astray in the mails, all persons sending us mail matter, whether of the nature of contributions, business, or exchanges, are expressly requested to write the address plainly in English (not Greek) and to give the post-office box in all cases. The city location of the managing editor in Cincinnati is 17½ West Third Street, Rooms 12-15.

THE DECEMBER SEMI-ANNUALS.

Our program of reviewing the semi-annuals will be to consider them in regular order by districts and chapters as given in our official list.

Harvard chapter failing to send any word, we begin with Brown. Through an unusual run of ill fortune in losing a large number of men by graduation and failure to return to college, the chapter's membership was seriously depleted this year, there being hardly more than one-third of last year's number left to start with. The small working force left was naturally retarded greatly in the acquisition of new material, but earnest progress is being made, and the vitality of the chapter is assured. Seven members are reported on the active list, and three more shortly to be initiated. The chapter was largely distinguished last year, having several positions on the ball nine, and other college, social, and graduating honors. A fine body of resident alumni will assist in the chapter's regaining its former prestige and prosperity. The rivals are seven in number, almost distinctively eastern fraternities. They are Alpha Delta Phi, 23; Delta Phi, 20; Psi Upsilon, 19; D. K. E., 26; Chi Phi, 14; Zeta Psi, 16; and Delta Upsilon, 25.

Boston reports great prosperity, numbering just a dozen, four new men having been turned aside from "the fantastic retreat" of the sole rival, Theta Delta Chi. Several brethren attended the Amherst initiations. The university has received a late addition in a new building for the theological school, at a cost of \$150,000, while other departments of the institution are being enlarged, with an increased attendance of students.

Maine State chapter numbers seventeen, an addition of four this year. Six were lost last June by graduation. The occupancy of the new chapter-house, dedicated last June, has given life and delight to the chapter. The rivals are Kappa Sigma, with 16, and the "Q. T. V.," a local society, with 40.

Amherst is in a satisfied and most flourishing condition, and numbers 24. The new chapter-house, a very handsome structure situated on a corner lot, with attractive grounds to set it off, was occupied this year, and the chapter takes due enjoyment and pride in the ownership of so desirable a possession. The rivals are seven in number, equal to and almost identical with those of Brown, and have from 25 to 36 members each.

Union chapter has the largest membership of any of the seven fraternities in the college, numbering 18, six of whom are Freshmen. The list of college and social honors presented seems to leave very little else for rivals to secure. Among them are the class prophet and the toast-master of the Senior class ; Lewis, '88, business manager of the *Garnet* (annual), associate editor of the *Concordiensis*, president of the Junior class and captain of the foot-ball team ; the secretary and historian of Sophomore class; poet, secretary and historian of Freshman class, with other positions in society and athletics. The chapter is about to remove to a new and better hall.

Stevens is the same, which completely and discreetly states the case in her favor. Beginning the year with eight men, after suffering unusually severe losses by graduation and non-return, the number has been just doubled, seven by initiation and one by transfer. The "rivals," or, rather, opponents, are Delta Tau Delta, 10 ; Theta Xi, 11 ; Sigma Chi, 8 ; Chi Phi, 13 ; Chi Psi, 14. The contemplated chapter-house is still a "Chateau en Espagne," but the brethren occupy two boarding locations, of which they are in exclusive possession.

Columbia and Rutgers, for reasons best known to themselves and a few others, have issued no semi-annuals, although both chapters are more or less still in existence.

Cornell reports her usual prosperity and a membership of 14, which is about the average of rival chapters. The latter number ten, comprising Alpha Delta Phi, Kappa Alpha (N.), D. K. E., Theta Delta Chi, Psi U., Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Delta U., Zeta Psi, and Phi Delta Theta. Among the college honors obtained are editorships on the *Daily Sun* and the *Cornellian*, with positions on the foot-ball nine. Three members from Stevens entered Cornell this fall.

St. Lawrence began the year with an active membership of fourteen, nine of them Seniors, which had been increased by five initiates. There are ten resident alumni. The list of college honors is excellent and among the numerous college offices held by the chapter are the following : presidencies of the reading room association, a literary society, the press association, gymnasium association, board of gymnasium directors, athletic association, and of the classes of '87, '88, and '90. besides the captaincy of the base-ball nine and the first choristership. The rival is Alpha Tau Omega, with thirteen men. The institution has secured an increased endowment, many improvements in buildings and apparatus, and an increase in the faculty.

Madison comes to the front with the satisfactory array of thirteen members, of whom five are new and Freshmen. The chapter keeps up

its usual good record in winning prizes and honors, and is especially notable in the direction of literary accomplishments. The editor-in-chief of the *Madisonensis* is W. H. Crawshaw, who is also assistant professor of rhetoric. The rivals are only two in number, D. K. E. with 21, Delta U. with 33. We trust the latter will not try, as usual, to monopolize all the scholastic talent of the institution.

Washington and Jefferson is painfully remiss in its duty this year, both as regards semi-annual and chapter letter, and with no just cause as far as known.

Pennsylvania shows a roll of ten active members, almost all of whom are Seniors and Juniors. The circular is chiefly devoted to an account of university affairs; more interesting to an alumnus than to an outsider. Beta was represented in the Greek play given last fall in New York, and also holds divers positions of honor and social importance. The peculiar statement is made that one "barb." declined to join because we are a "Western fraternity," forsooth. How happens it then that Phi Kappa Psi has perhaps her best chapter at this institution?—almost the only place we meet east of the Alleghenies. There is no mention in the circular of rivals, but we don't doubt there are a few there and active.

Dickinson presents the most elaborate and comprehensive semi-annual we ever remember seeing. The claim of superiority is argued under five heads, of which we make a summary: "1st, we never hurry men into the chapter; 2nd, immorality and coarseness are excluded; 3d, the life of each member is an influence on the others; 4th, an ideal quality of friendship is cultivated; 5th, non-fraternity men yield us the palm." There are eight active members, with two professors. The list of honors, etc., obtained is a large and creditable one, supplying the facts for the claim of pre-eminence. Lake, '87, even surpasses Lewis of Union in his record: first group Phi Beta Kappa, assistant in physical laboratory, captain foot-ball team, manager dramatic association, leader of glee club, short-stop in ball nine, general athlete in inter-collegiate sports. A number of other positions in scholarship, societies and athletics are also held, including two editorships on the *Dickinsonian*, showing a variety and versatility of accomplishments very uncommon. The rivals are Chi Phi, 10; Sigma Chi, 11; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 16, and Theta Delta Chi, 6. Of these only Chi Phi maintains a favorable standard. We quote regarding the others: "Phi Delta Theta stands well morally, but without much refinement. Sigma Chi has two or three preachers; as for the rest—same old story. Like Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi is a heterogeneous herd, with three or four very good men and some otherwise. Phi Psis are made

by the 'hustling' process. A young man steps off the train, a dozen Phi Psis surround him, and in a few hours he wears the badge. This is literally true. These fraternities, with one exception, are abominably rash in selecting men." Notes on Dickinson college affairs and events are given, followed by list of alumni visitors and correspondents, and concluding with a summary of the work of the last convention.

Johns Hopkins puts forth a cheerful leaflet, stating in lively terms the prosperous and happy condition of the chapter. Four new men have been added this year by initiation and others by transfer, giving a total membership at time of report of 21, with a few other initiations in prospect soon. The chapter is seeking a permanent chapter hall. A large grist of honors have been bestowed upon the well-deserving brethren, and everything in general is luxuriantly flourishing. The poor, pitiful rivals are Phi Kappa Psi, with 7, and Delta Phi, with 10. Johns Hopkins offers a fine field for another first-class fraternity or two.

Hampden-Sidney is also an unfortunate delinquent, for no better reason than Washington and Jefferson, we sincerely trust.

Randolph-Macon exhibits a chapter roll of nine, of whom two are new men. A full quota of college honors has been obtained by the brethren, including the editorship of the *Monthly* and a sustaining of the reputation of the chapter in the class-room, together with a fine athletic record. The rivals are Kappa Alpha (S.), Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi. The Phi Delta Theta chapter, which was last year down to one man, has greatly increased numerically by the absorption of Kappa Sigma Kappa.

"Old Omicron" at the University of Virginia, concerning which so much was said and so little done last year and at others times, is harmonious if not happy, in the person of brother Hugh A. White. He issues no semi-annual, but contributes an interesting chapter letter, to be found in the proper department.

Bethany meekly murmurs: "We are seven," two of whom are new members, with several initiates in prospect. The chapter suffered somewhat more than usual by graduation and failure to return, but seems to hold her own well in the quality and talents of the few. The editor-in-chief, an associate editor and the business manager of the *Collegian* are Betas, and others show success in scholarship in the societies and in athletics. The rival is Delta Tau Delta.

Richmond began this year with six men and has since increased the number to ten. Divers honorary and official positions are held in the college, and in general the condition of the chapter is very good. The rivals are Kappa Alpha (S.), 8; Phi Delta Theta, 6; Phi Alpha

Chi (local), 5; Phi Kappa Sigma, 5; and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 2. The latter will probably die out soon. Phi Delta Theta, weak last year, has here absorbed another chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa, and revived thereby.

Centre and Mississippi now follow together, an ignoble pair of delinquents whom we know to have no other excuse to offer than that of rank neglect. For this state of affairs we are exceedingly sorry, and we trust that they have the conscience, at least, to be sorry, too. Cumberland had promised a semi-annual, which has not been received, however, up to a late hour of going to press.

Vanderbilt reports an active membership of 15, of whom four are new men, with also two fellows, three instructors, and two members of the faculty, besides a large and helpful band of *fratres in urbe*. The brethren occupy a good standing in scholarship, society, and college honors and sports. Eight members were lost by graduation. The rivals are seven in number, chiefly Southern and mostly flourishing, ranging in number from 8 to 31, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta representing the extremes. The latter has 11 "specials," only two other chapters having a very few each. "Phi Delt Bill" must have early seized them for his own, or else, perhaps, no one else wanted them in large doses.

Texas, in her first semi-annual, makes a commendable showing, with a membership of twelve, eight of whom are new men, and five in each of the two lower classes. The honors and honorable positions secured by the members are numerous and distinguished, including several presidencies of the literary societies (all of them, it seems,) and the editorship-in-chief and two staff editorships of the *Texas University*. The rivals of this infant but vigorous progeny (we had almost said prodigy) are as follows: Kappa Alpha (S.), 15; Kappa Sigma, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Sigma Chi, 11; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 8, and Sigma Nu, 5. Three members of the last-named are Seniors and its condition looks weak. Notice is given that the chapter of Delta Tau Delta has returned its charter. The university is prospering greatly, both in the additional advantages offered and the increased number of students in attendance. Another fine field is here presented for the entrance of some other enterprising first-class fraternities.

Western Reserve, or Adelbert, as the chapter calls itself, perhaps more properly, gratifies itself and the fraternity in stating that it is one of the leading trio of chapters in the institution, a claim certainly fully confirmed by its record and promise. Beginning with seven men, by determined efforts thirty per cent. of the Freshman class were

absorbed, increasing the membership to 13, of whom one returned to Michigan University after six weeks. Of college honors, which are few here, Beta takes a fair share, and has two members on the *Reserve* board. The chapter is the largest in college, and has five rivals: Alpha Delta Phi, 10; D. K. E., 6; Delta Nu, 9; Delta Tau Delta, 6; and Phi Gamma Delta, 5. The chapter is awaiting funds to build a chapter house. *Start a fund!*

Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware opened the year in good shape with ten men, since when one addition has been made. The chapter is prosperous as usual. The inter-state oratorical contest will be held there in February, and a fourth annual pan-hellenic banquet will probably be held in the same month. The rivals remain as formerly, ranking in estimation and numbers as follows: Delta Tau Delta, 12; Phi Gamma Delta, 9; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Chi Phi, 7; Phi Delta Theta, 11. All the chapters except the last have taken only one man each from the Freshman class.

Wittenberg is the only Ohio chapter that fails to perform its duty in the matter of a semi-annual, which is, we trust, a sufficient reflection to make and to take.

Denison reports eleven active members, with several helpful alumni, and is prosperous and content. The chapter favors a conservative attitude toward petitions for new charters. The rivals are as lately—Sigma Chi, with 12 men, and Phi Gamma Delta, with 14.

Wooster claims an enviable prominence, the result of hard and aggressive work. Starting with nine men this year, they now number sixteen, of whom three, aha! are "preps.," altho' we find them only pledged and not yet initiates. College honors and social successes are not lacking to the chapter, and the famous "Wooglin Quartette," so signal and enjoyable a musical feature of the last convention, is kept in careful training. The rivals are five in number, comprising a representative collection of Western fraternities, and ranging from 13 to 17 in membership. All but Delta Tau Delta take "preps."

Kenyon offers a singular contrast to Wooster in its rivals, meeting the great Eastern trio, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi U. and D. K. E., besides Theta Delta Chi and Delta Tau Delta, the latter two both very weak. The chapter, after a late most brilliant career, has lately suffered from misfortune, by which its membership has been reduced to three. But with several pledged "preps." for next year and an earnest effort on the part of the others, it can be believed that the tide has now turned. Chapters do not exceed 10, and the number of students is small. It will

be remembered that a few years ago the chapter of Psi U. was sifted down to only one man for nearly a whole year.

Ohio University chapter reports progress and prosperity, with a membership of eight. Most of the official places in the classes and societies seem to be monopolized by Betas, and four of them are on the editorial board of the *Current*. There are also two class poets. The rivals are Phi Delta Theta, 8, and Delta Tau Delta, 7.

Ohio State University chapter (Columbus) congratulates herself and the fraternity on her attaining a natal anniversary, and on her promise and success during this first adventurous year. The roll now includes twelve, three of whom are initiates and one a transfer. The chapter has taken a fair share of the college offices and honors, and the men stand in the front rank in class-work, literary societies and battalion. The editor-in-chief of the *Lantern* and the major of the battalion are Betas. The rivals number five: Phi Delta Theta, 11, Phi Kappa Psi, 10, Phi Gamma Delta, 14, Sigma Chi, 12, and Chi Phi, 9. The initiation of "preps." has been abolished by compact, except that Chi Phi refuses to join, and is therefore boycotted by the rest.

Miami, the old mother, renews her youth in the first semi-annual. The chapter now numbers eight, after a few additions and losses. The chapter has attained various honors in the literary halls and on the diamond arena. The only rival is Phi Delta Theta, numbering eight.

DePauw issues no semi-annual, much to our regret, but on the word of her rivals we confidently believe that the condition of this eminent chapter is as flourishing as usual.

Hanover speaks of quiet college and fraternity life, and records her own even content. The chapter roll numbers ten, with several other Freshman initiates in view, in addition to the two obtained this year. Various class and society honors are noted, together with the annals of some pleasant social events that go to make college life delightful. The rivals are Phi Gamma Delta, 12, Sigma Chi, 10, Phi Delta Theta, 10, and Delta Tau Delta, 3, besides two sororities. All the chapters live in rented halls, though each is emulous to obtain the first chapter-house. A chapter history is under way, and assistance and information are desired from alumni. The college is prosperous.

Michigan presents a professional-looking report which is almost an epitome of college and fraternity life, well sustaining the fine record of the chapter in this respect. Happiness and prosperity attend, with an active membership of twenty-three, besides half a score of *fratres in urbe*, and a few more young initiates in prospect. The chapter still occupies a rented house, and although naturally ambitious to possess an

estate in fee simple, does not care to sacrifice its present content by carrying the weight of a "twelve-thousand-dollar mortgage," like some pretentious rivals. It is an interesting fact (not stated in the semi-annual) that some local Betas hold mortgage bonds of a fraternity chapter-house at Michigan. The rivals number nine, including the great Eastern trio, and almost all others but Phi Delta Theta, varying in numbers from eight to twenty-eight, the general average of all being about seventeen. There are also nine college societies. The gymnasium is progressing, the law library refitted, the mechanical building completed and the art library receiving donations. The total number of students is at high water mark, 1,545.

Indiana's "prosperity remains unabated," with a membership of fifteen, one of them lately "lifted." The chapter is making a political record, largely of defeats, unhappily, but securing one congressman. An interesting incident of the campaign was an undergraduate member's running for county auditor. He failed to run fast enough, however. The rivals are of the orthodox Western kind, four in number, and seemingly evenly matched. Betas and Phi Psis no longer initiate "preps." "In nearly every respect, and especially in athletics, Beta Theta Pi takes the lead." The college hereafter will confer but one degree, that of A. B., and Sunday afternoon lectures are no longer compulsory. The chapter hopes all have been as kindly dealt with.

Wabash is "stronger to-day, both fraternally and numerically," than ever before during the present generation, with a membership of fourteen, six of whom are Freshmen. Five initiates have learned the grip, one of them a late Delta Tau Delta from Butler University, and all of them "rescued from the greedy clutches of rivals with ease." The list of college honors and compliments is an eminent one, especially in literary work and oratory. The literary editor of the *Wabash* is a Beta, and the chapter is also represented well in football, baseball, the glee club and the societies. The football team won the gold medal championship of Indiana Colleges. The rivals are Sigma Chi, 11, Phi Gamma Delta, 10, Phi Delta Theta, 20, and Phi Kappa Psi, 5. The membership of the latter consists of two Seniors and three "preps.," and its future looks very hazy. The others also initiate "preps.," but if Beta Theta Pi has any, they are, like Mr. Howells' vices, kept concealed. The college is highly prosperous.

Northwestern meets good fortune fairly and congratulates itself on its college honors and its social prestige, "always enviable," with many loyal "Beta girls." The chapter roll numbers fifteen, including two of the old Denver dispensation and one new initiate. The rivals have

shifted places, Delta Upsilon lately forging to the front and now the strongest opponent. Phi Kappa Psi is an unwieldy conglomerate, Sigma Chi doing well, and Phi Kappa Sigma very weak.

Beloit has ten members, with two Freshman initiates in prospect (now long since harvested). The chapter presents a fine array of college honors, possessing five out of eight positions on the college paper, the *Round Table*, including editor-in-chief and literary editor. One brother is also on a local town paper. The two rivals are Sigma Chi, 9, and Phi Kappa Psi, 9, with whom the chapter is on friendly terms. A new college president, Dr. Eaton, has been installed, and the college has taken a new start in educational life. The chapter hall is made a home, indeed, and all's well.

Iowa State has a chapter roll of fourteen. The chapter has gained a fair share of college honors to date, including the appointment of valedictorian, and an editorship on the *Vidette-Reporter*. The rivals are the westerners: Delta Tau Delta, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 13; Sigma Chi, 10; and Phi Delta Theta, 10, besides three ladies' fraternities, Delta Gamma being new. The university shows an increased attendance.

Iowa Wesleyan has a membership of eight; of '87 and '89, with three early initiates in view, presumably "preps." The chapter was about to conclude a compact with its sole rival, Phi Delta Theta, not to initiate "preps.," when the aforesaid rival suddenly seized upon two and then declined to consider the proposed reform. The editor-in-chief of *The Iowa Wesleyan* is a Beta, and other brethren have not been slighted.

Wisconsin has fifteen active members, with a fine body of alumni. The chapter possesses various distinguishing attainments in college life, including the two managing editors of the new college paper, the *Aegis*, which succeeds the old *Press and Badger*. Two other Betas are also on the staff of this paper. The rivals are five in number: Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Chi Psi, 22; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Sigma Chi, 8; Delta Upsilon, 7; and three ladies' societies. The college has its largest attendance, over five hundred. President Bascom, a Beta of great note, will retire next June, to be succeeded by Prof. T. C. Chamberlain. The chapter is collecting alumni historical matter.

California sends a model report, of fine taste and choice contents, full of interest. The chapter opened with twelve men, but has increased that number to seventeen; occupies a chapter-house, where the members all meet daily at noon for "caninal purposes;" hopes to obtain larger quarters next term. In the matter of honors, etc., has two editors on the *Blue and Gold* (annual) and two business managers; chief

editor and an associate editor of the *Berkeleyan*; several men each on the football and baseball teams, and a quantity of officers in the university battalion. The rivals are Zeta Psi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Chi Phi, 17; D. K. E., 19; Phi Gamma Delta, 8; Sigma Chi, 4. The last two are both new, although the Phi Gam chapter is a revival. "The old 'Feejees' do not associate with the new chapter." Chi Phi is the most active rival, the others clashing only among themselves. Ninety-one out of 275 students are fraternity men. The circular concludes with a list of twenty-nine sprightly alumni notes.

Westminster responds "cheerfully" and presents a chapter "portraiture of harmony and prosperity," with a full measure of loyalty and enthusiasm—"Beta banner"—"exalted ideal," etc. The roll numbers ten, four of whom are new men and one a "prep." There is a good force of local *fratres*. The chapter is on most friendly terms with its only rival, Phi Delta Theta. The general condition of the chapter is excellent and they swear by the "dorg" star. The editor-in-chief and exchange editor of the *Westminster Review* (college paper) are Betas. The stars on the Grecian shield are guarded with a wary eye—which we trust implies no reflection upon the friendly Phi Deltas.

Kansas began the year with nine men, a loss of six, three by graduation. The spiking campaign was highly successful and satisfactory, resulting in a membership of sixteen, eight of whom are Freshmen. There are two Betas in the faculty and a number of others in the city. College honors were not yet dispensed, but a Beta was business manager of the *University Review*. The chapter is proud of the first university graduate elected to the Kansas legislature—F. H. Leach, '84. The rivals are Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Sigma Chi, 12; Sigma Nu, 13. All but Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi initiate "preps," Sigma Nu having four. The university prospers, with new buildings and additions to the courses.

—The semi-annuals are of a particularly excellent standard this year and in but few instances do they offend against good taste and good sense. Very laudable efforts have been made in many cases to present reports that have real interest and value to sister chapters and to the alumni, and supply them with an entertaining record in detail of local college and fraternity events and affairs. More general, more sketchy and more private than a chapter letter, a semi-annual has a peculiar field all to itself, and we are glad to note the distinct improvement in the readable qualities and sprightly variety of contents of these communications. It were unfair to many respectable productions to make close comparisons; but for the sake of future work, as well as for the

credit of the present generation, we would mention as particularly excellent the semi-annuals issued by the following chapters: Maine State, Amherst, Union, Stevens, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Richmond, Ohio Wesleyan, Denison, Wooster, Ohio State, Hanover, Michigan, Beloit, Wisconsin, California and Kansas. In typographical appearance all are, in general, satisfactory, taking careful heed of the new rules; and some, like Brown, Amherst, Stevens, Johns Hopkins, Richmond, Wisconsin, and California, are exquisite.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Having incidentally come into possession, some time ago, of the minutes of the last convention, on perusing its pages the sorrowful sight of a once noble and flourishing chapter now in ruins and falling to decay met my gaze. Truly I was saddened to see Omicron, the chapter of which "I" constitute the whole, scored in the black-list, and wanting in so many of the requirements of an active chapter that scarcely were there enough of her features left to enable one to recognize her form. Upon realizing the critical condition of "Old Omicron," and recognizing the fact that I was her all, and the means by which she might be saved, I determined that she should be heard from once more even though she died away with the echoes of her voice:

"Vox et praeterea nihil."

Before proceeding further allow me to say that this can not justly be termed a chapter letter but merely a personal one, and therefore the use of the personal pronoun must be admitted, for to use "we" or "our" would be a vain delusion, nay, a hollow mockery. When I first came to the university, last July, to attend the summer law class, I deemed it one of my first duties as well as pleasures to find out whether any of Omicron's sons were loitering away their vacation at or near the university, but no trace or vestige could be found. On the opening of the regular session I hoped again in vain to find an active comrade in the cause. And though I found no *active* comrade, yet I was rejoiced to find that Wooglin was still honored here by the presence of two of her sons filling professors' chairs: one, our highly honored and veteran Greek, brother Charles Venable, professor of mathematics, whose hand is still warm in the Beta grip, though perhaps it has been over forty years since Zeta of Hampden Sidney had the honor of bestowing upon him her parting blessing; the other, brother Perkinson, professor of modern languages, and is taking a post-graduate course. Nor has brother Perkinson forgotten that he is a Greek, and his heart still beats in unison with those of the Beta boys. As to men, then, you can easily perceive, brethren, that I am the only active one, for the position of a professor bars him from active co-operation with the students in fraternity work.

The history of our chapter here in particular I know very little about. From what I can gather it seems that several years ago, perhaps three or four, the limited number of men obliged them to abandon the regular chapter hall, and instead to take to that chapter-killing habit of meeting in the rooms of the members. From this blow she has never recovered, as a matter of course, for in my opinion a chapter without a regular home is almost as bad as no chapter at all. The "dear old hall" is the very life, history, and existence of the chapter; without it association ceases, and then we are bound by loose and stretchy bonds. The first sad fact, then, is that there is no hall and no altar around which I might have gathered men. The second is that I have been unable to find any trace of the ritual, constitutions, records or papers which belonged to the chapter. My efforts, however, to find these have not ceased and I hope still to be able to come upon them.

In the light of these facts I take it that no one would ask the question why I have not built up the chapter. If any should ask such a question I beg him to put himself in my place and try his hand. It was my intention to take in some men, for there were several here whom I should have liked very much to have taken in; but how foolish it would have been for me to ask them when I had not even so much as the oath to administer. And what odds I would have had to work against with no less than twelve active chapters of other fraternities, and ours in its present condition. With it all, however, I believe I could have gotten at least four men if I had been equipped for initiation. I was considerably encouraged some time ago by the aid offered me by two of our Richmond brethren, who were here as delegates to the Y. M. C. A. They offered to send me all of the necessities for initiation, and I at once picked my men and went for them with a vengeance, but, alas, too much time had elapsed; they had joined another fraternity, had promised one, or had refused to join any at all. I am left now without much hope of getting any men this year, and next year a law office will be my home. Yet in the face of all these discouragements I would advise that the convention do not take away Omicron's charter at the next meeting; for the chapter here ebbs and flows, and perhaps next year there will be a good number of men. In fact I know of three men who will be here. Some have doubted the expediency of a chapter here, and theoretically many reasons may be adduced to show that there are some serious drawbacks. For instance, the formality which exists among the students is carried to such an extent that even students who sit next each other in class seldom speak unless formally introduced; and again the students are so scattered here that if they happen to be in different schools, they would not casually meet more than once in two or three weeks; thus is necessitated an actual visiting among the members in order that they may acquire that amount of familiarity required in fraternal relations; and, lastly, men who are taking a professional course (and these make up nearly if not quite half of the whole number) are older than the ordinary fraternity man and are beginning to turn their thoughts seriously to their progress in life, and hence can not take the amount of interest which ought to characterize a true Beta.

Though plausible as these theoretical reasons may be for the continuance of the chapter, yet, as a matter of fact and practical experience, fraternities do exist here and thrive, and ours has formerly done the same. So I can see no conclusive reason why she should not remain, and it would be my highest delight, if I were going to remain here another year, to aid in placing Omicron on a solid foundation once more. As to other fraternities here, there are, as I have already remarked, twelve who have active chapters, and others represented but no chapters. Those who have regular chapters are as follows : Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi, Phi Theta Alpha (*alias* "Mystic Seven"), Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Alpha Chi, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Theta. Other fraternities simply represented without chartered chapters are : Kappa Sigma Alpha, and Phi Kappa Epsilon. And last but not least, Beta Theta Pi with chartered chapter but no regular meetings. As to numbers of each, I have not been able to ascertain, but may safely put it at an average of from eight to ten. I am told that the majority of fraternity men are "goated" here. As a general thing I think that the fraternities here know comparatively little of each other ; and so far as I know harmony exists between them all. Competitions seems not to be lively or great.

I submit this letter to the magazine in order that the fraternity at large may see the condition of Omicron, and hope that all who can may look to the interest of the fraternity by doing what they can to help the chapter. Let the members of the college look up the men who are coming here next year and notify them that they may be prepared to strike a blow at the beginning, and awaken to a new life an honored chapter that is not dead but sleeping. The fraternity may rest assured that if possible Omicron shall be aroused before this session is gone, for my labor, though against hope, shall not cease. Any advice, information or instruction will be gladly received from any brother.

Hugh A. White, Cor. Sec., et al.

DICKINSON.

Because we endeavor to make it mean something to be a Beta, because we must be conservative, because we can not afford to let down the bars carelessly, because we select every man with direct reference to the principles of the fraternity and the chapter, we have deemed it wise to exercise more than usual caution this year in regard to the Freshman class. Thus far but thirteen men have been selected from it by the six fraternities here represented, and at present there are but one or two valuable men yet barbarians. We firmly believe that Beta Theta Pi can not afford to maintain an inferior chapter, and Alpha Sigma will refuse to lower its standard. A bond of union welded by midnight carousals, gambling, or the more usual power of numbers and consequent attempts to control college politics, evidently satisfies some fraternities, but nothing less than adherence to the best principles of fellowship will make a Beta chapter prosperous. The constant association of a few men, agreeing in those essentials which constitute

our ideal, differing widely in individual traits—an association resulting in an ever deepening mutual confidence and harmony, nevertheless leaving broad scope for the full development of independent, dignified, manly qualities—makes the typical chapter. Alpha Sigma always aims to approximate to this standard, and has the cordial endorsement of those most competent to judge.

As to candidates discussed, we have demanded the positive consent of all our members in every instance. Our work of merely getting acquainted with "preps." was diverted last year by the puerile threats of an anonymous correspondent of the magazine, sounding then quite official and authorized. Thus it happened that others seized one or two whom we may consider as worth securing. This loss of vantage ground resulted in our defeat in a failure to pledge one desirable "prep."—by fair means we can not believe—towards the close of the year, in a contest with a chapter whose real life was then almost entirely in the preparatory school. So when the fall campaign opened we had not secured a '90 man. A careful survey of the field soon developed that there was to be a harvest this year for loosely-constructed fraternities like Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi. On the other hand, we found Chi Phi loth to make any extensive inroads upon the new material. All our men except the one graduate have returned, and we have added to our members G. W. Todd, '89. Phi Kappa Psi is happy in the possession of fifteen men, some of whom are importations from other colleges. Phi Delta Theta, not to be outdone in the pell-mell struggle, has gone one better. By initiating any half dozen it could find in a small class it damaged its chances, bright last year, of developing into a good fraternity, if a fraternity can ever amount to much that lays chief stress on members. Sigma Chi has eleven, Chi Phi ten, Beta Theta Pi eight. Theta Delta Chi, at present an enigma, has six men.

We are averse to the business of seeking our own preferment and never engage in petty electioneering processes. Phi Delta Theta, concentrated in one of the literary societies, and Phi Kappa Psi, crowded in the other, meet with little success in their favorite line. The congeniality seems to be simply that of general trade alliances, protective associations, professional athletic clubs, etc., in that union is based on something other than warm personal friendship, and even intellectual sympathy—except in spots. Whatever honors we have secured come by fair and honorable competition.

Charles E. Bikle graduated in the first section of '86, ranking equal with the second-honor man. The quiet, reserved, gentlemanly qualities of brother Bikle made him a favorite with everybody, and we sincerely regret his departure. Of our three '87 men, Lake and Stewart ranked in the first section, Latin scientifics. Lake was re-elected captain of the football team, the good work of which was interrupted by the untimely death of Garrison, Phi Delta Theta, who was killed almost instantly in a game with Swarthmore, October 23rd. Lake is also assistant in physics with Dr. Himes; also, leader of the glee club. Todd is president of the U. P. Society, and secured a Junior Contest medal. Of our two Juniors, Reynolds is treasurer and director of the Athletic Association, president of Dramatic Association and historian of his class.

Welsh is a U. P. anniversary speaker and editor of *The Dickinsonian*. Of the Sophomores, Parsels was elected president of his class before his return to college was certainly known, and Yocum was returned as treasurer. Parsels is also on the football team and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. Yocum is the first Sophomore ever made editor of *The Dickinsonian*.

A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been granted to Dickinson and a large proportion of our alumni will be entitled to honorary membership. Seventeen of the fifty or sixty graduate Betas ranked first, second, or third in class standing.

F. M. Welsh, Cor. Sec.

WITTENBERG.

Uneventful as has been the fall term at Wittenberg, I find little of general interest to communicate. The chapter life flows on with the greatest tranquility, not even interrupted by the wonted spirit of vigorous rivalry with our fraternity opponents. Still the inactivity does not arise from stagnation or torpidity, but rather from the lack of subjects to excite interest and opposition. During the term we have reclaimed four barbarians, and secured a pledge from three others. The active membership now aggregates, all told, thirteen. But this does not entirely represent the chapter, as our resident alumni have not completely lost the memory of Wooglin's pleasant dwellings, in their contact with the world. We have apparently been wonderfully exempt from the visitations of disease or death in our entire history. While I observed, in reading the journal, that frequently a chapter letter contained the intelligence of a brother's illness or death, and as my memory reviewed our chapter history, it seems that we have been especially favored of fortune in this respect.

For some reason, somewhat inexplicable, the erection and occupation of the new college building has instituted an era of routine and uneventful life that is extremely monotonous. It has, however, very appreciably increased the attendance both of the sterner and the fairer sex. Indeed, the increase in the attendance of the ladies has given rise to the idea of erecting a young ladies' dormitory at no distant date. Truly Wittenberg's future success is assured. The event which has attracted the most attention in fraternal circles was the Phi Gamma Delta convention, which convened here some time since. The occurrence was made notable by the presence of their eminent men, who participated in its proceedings; an event which no doubt will long be cherished in each Phi Gam's heart. There was a time in our history when Phi Kappa Psi was our most formidable rival; she did not always think as we did, and it was often a dubious question who should wear the wreath of victory. But we fear her no more; her steel has lost its temper, and our armor has been fed to the "goat." The other fraternities are no more worthy of rivalry, or else they fail to exhibit their worth. The result is that a truce prevails in the fraternal trenches.

Brothers Greenawalt and Simon, of '84, have assumed pastoral charges, and devoted themselves both to the active ministry and to their theological studies. Brother Williams, for personal reasons, has

renounced his intention of removing to Cincinnati and we still retain his presence with its accompaniment of the hearty grip and contagious smile. Brother Simon, Jr., and Witmeyer, of '87, will contest for the privilege of representing the college in the approaching local struggle for the oratorical honor.

S. S. Keller, Cor. Sec.

KENYON.

Since our last letter our prospects have brightened. We have had no more initiations, but we have succeeded in pledging two good men in the class of '91, at the Grammar School. Both of these men stand well in their studies, and will certainly enter college next fall. We have rushed but one man this fall, and he is still in the ranks of the barbarians, and at present he says that he intends to stay there. He has been rushed hard ever since he entered college in September last, and the fraternities still stick close to him. The fraternities stand now as they did when I wrote last. The Christmas examinations, however, usually thin the ranks of the Freshmen, and the beginning of next term will probably see a decided change in the numerical strength of rivals. The spirit existing among the various fraternities here is good. The members of different fraternities mingle in society and college, and in some cases room together. We are glad to be able to say that the fact that men belong to rival fraternities does not prevent them from becoming warm friends; also, that the non-frats. and the fraternity men work together in harmony.

Our rivals are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Tau Delta; of these, Theta Delta Chi and Delta Tau Delta have never had a vigorous existence, and although they usually have one or two good men they do not rank with the other fraternities, their good men being of those who were not at all prepossessing when they entered college, but who have been polished and developed by their intercourse with the students. At present our standing is as follows. We have one member of the faculty, three men in college, and three pledged at the Grammar School. When the time for our next letter comes we hope to be able to report that our prospect continues to brighten. The amount of fraternity material at Kenyon is always small, of late rather notably so, and the active rivalry of six fraternity chapters makes existence almost a life and death struggle from year to year.

C. K. Benedict, Cor. Sec.

BETHANY.

Our chapter began the year with five men, brothers Rumble, Israel, Reid, Addy, and Curry; but not many days passed by before we welcomed to our circle a young gentleman from Kentucky University, who entered the class of '87, and whom we regard as an honor to our chapter—Jones, of Pine Grove, Ky. Soon after him came Cameron, ("Don") of Millersburg, O., whom many of our alumni will feel interested in, as a nephew of their old Sigma Chi friend, A. W. Mayers.

Brother Cameron is a member of the class of '90, in the scientific department. Our latest rally resulted in the capture of two promising Freshmen—Irvine, of North Bend, Pa., and Beam, of Pittsburgh, Pa. We now number nine men, distributed as follows in the classes: three Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore, three Freshmen. Joe Woolery, who has been ill, is convalescent, and we hope he will return and swell our number. Bright is in a bank at Mt. Sterling, Ky. Our initiations are always embellished with the jolly canine. Our capacity for *doggy* is not in any way inferior to that of our illustrious predecessors, and upon the recent occasion of our receiving the "twins" among our number, those promising infants figuratively "drank us under the table," showing no need to fear for the future of Psi.

The election of *The Collegian* staff gave us three positions: Curry, editor-in-chief; Rumble, literary editor; Addy, business manager. Reid is the anniversarian of the Neotrophian Literary Society. Irvine is one of the declaimers for the Christmas entertainment of the American Literary Institute. Rumble and Curry are 22nd of February orators for the A. L. I. We have secured the same hall we had last year, and hold our meetings on Friday evenings. Prof. Thompson often meets with us, and is as jolly a Greek as ever. Beall meets with us often. Wolf and Wilson have both paid us visits. We are always glad to see these old-timers, "silver-greys" compared with us of a less worthy generation. White, of last year's class, is teaching Latin in a private school in Wheeling, and studying law with state senator Scott. We are awaiting a visit from him. We had an enthusiastic letter recently from Payne, at Yale Divinity School. He writes in glowing words of that institution. His address is 96 West Divinity Hall, New Haven.

Our rival, the Theta of Delta Tau Delta, displays a spirit indicative of its Sophomoric constituency. They began with five men—one Senior, one Junior, and three Sophomores. Since the first of October they have initiated two Sophomores and one Freshman. It is not necessary to point the moral to this tale. However, we are on good terms with "our friends, the enemy," and they have some men we admire.

Edwin Curry, Cor. Sec.

MICHIGAN.

College had just opened at the time of our last letter and our prospects for the coming year were not certain; but we are now able to report several victories over our rivals and have added to our numbers this year, 1 Senior, 2 Juniors, 2 Sophomores, and 3 Freshmen, with a prospect of one or two more Freshmen. We also have one man pledged, who will enter with '91. So at present our outlook for continued prosperity is better than it has been for some time.

That the university is becoming more liberal and extended is shown in the proceedings of the regents this year. At a meeting a short time ago they recommended an appropriation of \$75,000 for the erection of a physical and hygienic laboratory. There is also some prospect of obtaining an appropriation for a separate art building. Thomas C.

Trueblood was appointed professor in elocution. There have been attempts for some time to stop the annual rushing between the Sophomore and Freshman classes. This fall it was commenced as usual, when President Augell expressed his determination to do away with it by expelling two members of the over-ambitious class of '90. Several members of the medical department were lately suspended for the same cause.

A great deal of interest is manifested in athletics this year. The rink, which is being used as a gymnasium, has been newly fitted up, under the direction of the able instructor, Prof. Rinehardt. It is rumored that Mr. Hegeler, an alumnus, who has been very liberal with the "gym.," will donate a certain sum for a permanent affair, in the near future. Brother Whyte is on the executive committee of the atheletic association, that has charge of the "gym." Smith is our editor on the *Palladium*. It comes out before the Christmas holidays, instead of in the spring as heretofore for several years past. The book is bound in college colors and is increased in size. Spaulding is an editor on the *Oracle*, the Sophomore publication. We have in course of composition, by several members, as many songs, which we hope to see appear in the new song-book. Our next initiation, which will probably occur shortly after the holiday vacation, we intend to make unusually interesting. Invitations will be sent to our alumni and other Betas in Detroit, and places near here. College closes from December 17th to January 4th for the holiday vacation. Only two of our boys will remain here. Those living near go home, while those who are from the far west will spend their vacation with friends in this vicinity. A new departure was taken last year, in the shape of a fraternity Sophomore hop. This year's hop, given by '89, was held December 3rd, at which about forty couples were present. It was acknowledged by all who attended to be most successful, and in the future will continue to be one of the permanent social events of the year. The Junior hop, given under like auspices, will be held in the latter part of February. The committee is already at work perfecting arrangements for its success.

This year we have again changed our quarters, now being comfortably situated on East University avenue. It is hoped that in the near future we shall have a chapter-house of our own, and avoid moving every year. Now that the rushing season is about over, we shall turn our attention, after the holidays, to procuring plans for a house. Our alumni may then expect to be called on for some expression of opinion in this regard. Brother Beal, who as usual takes an active interest in all our doings, has a scheme and is working faithfully to carry it out. With the help of our alumni may it be a crowning success. We have received several enthusiastic and interesting letters from members, which have helped to arouse the true Beta spirit within us, and we most heartily wish that we could hear from more old members.

Louis B. Lee, Cor. Sec.

L. Roscoe Doud, Assistant.

KANSAS.

The scholastic year so auspiciously begun has brought to the Beta Greeks of Alpha Nu nothing but prosperity and good cheer. In addition to the new Betas reported in our last letter, Fred LeRoy Morris, Russell W. Houk, Bayard T. Riley, and Chas. W. Webster, all of '90, now wear the badge of triple stars. The excellence and abundance of Greek talent entering the university this year has rendered the "rushing season" especially interesting. Contests, though not numerous, were quite bitter; but in the sharpest conflicts of the season we had the honor of defeating our rivals, and have succeeded in re-enforcing our ranks by a galaxy of talent that presages full prosperity for us. Our characteristic is harmony and enthusiasm. The brethren are mostly comfortably located and within easy communication. Several valuable additions, among which is a piano, have been made to the chapter hall the present term.

The social gayety, so characteristic of K. S. U. Greeks, has been admirably sustained by the various fraternities. Kappa Alpha Theta opened the season with a charming picnic party on October 29th; the Thetas, at the residence of May Webster, and the Kappa Kappa Gammas at the home of Mamie Henshaw, entertained their gentlemen friends in a manner that was most delightful to their guests. At the opening of the semester, the Betas and their lady friends gave a most successful banquet in honor of Prof. Carruth's return from his European tour; and again, on November 5th, Wooglin's devotees celebrated their annual "T. C." with usual solemnities.

The prominence which K. S. U. has achieved as a Greek school renders the question of rivalry and strife for supremacy quite important. It must be said that our rivals are all in a prosperous condition, and merit congratulations for their enterprising spirit. Nevertheless, it is to be deplored that one or two fraternities habitually resort to premeditated deceit in order to supply the want of honest worth. The Greek world may well be proud of our sororities, the Thetas, Kappas, and I. C.'s, who have all maintained a dignity which might be profitably emulated by their brethren. The university is rapidly developing in all its various departments, and fraternity circles have steadily kept pace with its growth. Snow Hall, a magnificent structure, has been recently dedicated to the instruction in the department of natural history.

We regret to lose from our *fratres in urbe* three staunch friends of the chapter, brothers Dean, Finney, and McKee. Brothers Dean and Finney have gone to New Mexico, the former on account of ill health, the latter to pursue his profession. McKee is now engaged in business in Richmond, Ind. The chapter has achieved the enviable distinction of having the first university graduate elected to the legislature of our state. L. H. Leach, who represented Kansas in the inter-collegiate oratorical association three years ago, is the honored man. The chapter has received pleasant calls from brothers Davies and Phelps, of Topeka, Warren Perry, of Troy, Kan., and Little, of Boston University.

W. T. Reed, Cor. Sec.

CALIFORNIA.

Our accessions this term amount to five, a number which we expect to increase by at least two before the end of the collegiate year. As usual, several vigorous contests between ourselves and our rivals have taken place; success for ourselves can be accorded in all cases but one. Of the seven fraternities now at Berkeley no more than three can be said to be in a flourishing condition. The others are either dormant and without influence, or are new to the college and, consequently, compelled to devote their energies to the difficult task of gaining the first foothold. In this latter class are the chapters of Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Phi Gamma Delta, all of which have sprung up within the year.

The interest in athletic sports, which continues to agitate the chapter, found partial expression lately in a match game of base-ball, played with the Chi Phi nine on December 11th, an exciting contest resulting in a tie. An occasional game of base-ball such as this just mentioned is about the only movement in the direction of pan-hellenism which ever agitates the Berkeley world. Last year we played a game with Delta Kappa Epsilon; otherwise the fraternities, socially, are mutually exclusive. Politically, combinations in fraternity circles are always possible and expected, one exception, of course, being that made necessary by our own constitutional limitation. The Sophomore society, Theta Nu Epsilon, presents a common standing-ground for at least three of the regular fraternities, not including us; and is an element not to be overlooked in considering the facts and possibilities of inter-fraternity combination. This society, by the way, got into trouble lately on account of somewhat serious injuries received by a neophyte at a recent initiation. The president of the university finally made an arrangement with Theta Nu which is not definitely known to the *vulgus profanum*. We miss this year from our meetings and other occasions of festivity several of our old friends, alumni of sister chapters. E. D. Hall, Beta Iota, '82, a frequent guest, is no longer within our reach, having removed to Lugonia, Southern California, where he is engaged in teaching. E. M. Stevens, Rho and Beta Iota, '85, has also withdrawn from the immediate vicinity; he is now in Minneapolis, Minn. W. N. Bush, Harvard, '82, is not quite out of reach, but a little farther off than before. He is now teacher of mathematics in the San Francisco Boys' High School. The respect and affection of the chapter go with all these gentlemen.

At the initiation held in San Francisco on the evening of October 23rd, thirty Betas, including the babes, gathered around the "caniferous" board. The attendance of chapter alumni was unusually large, and a number of resident Betas from other chapters united with us in the celebration. We had the pleasure of listening to speeches from Rev. G. L. Spining, D.D., Iota, '66, and from Hon. J. L. Boone, Theta, '62.

Finlay Cook, Cor. Sec.

BOSTON.

The great event of the closing week of the term for our chapter was the initiation of two men, H. S. Houston, '88, and J. E. Bowman, '89. The former was recently a student at the lately defunct Chicago University, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. We have every reason to believe that the chapter will derive great credit and advantage by the acquisition of these new members. We may also mention here that the name of Johnson, '88, was by an oversight omitted in the last semi-annual, so that our active members now number fifteen. Brothers Bates, Berenson, Snow, Warrington, and Wardwell were present at the initiation.

Dr. Warren's absence from the university for a year of needed rest is much felt in the different departments, notably the School of Theology and College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Warren's name is so familiar to the literary world that even his enforced absence from work calls forth very deep and general sympathy. Last year a debating society was organized in the college with a membership limited to thirty, and became so progressive and interesting that it was found necessary to raise the limit this year to fifty. This society meets once in two weeks, the "Philomathean" meeting on the alternate week. About three weeks ago we had a very interesting college sociable at which the majority of the faculty and students were present. Last week there was a union sociable of the Senior classes from all the departments of the university. This was a new departure, and judging by the success of its introduction will become a permanent feature of the social life of the college.

At the initiatory exercises this week a resident alumnus emphasized the brotherly and harmonious feelings by which our chapter has always been characterized. This feeling never was more real than now and each man is striving earnestly, quietly, and honorably, to promote the highest interests of the chapter. Our rival, Theta Delta Chi, has about twenty-one members, and will lose eight this year by graduation, whereas we shall lose only two. It is now decided to have the New England *Δορυ* in Boston, early at the beginning of the year. We hope to make it an altogether delightful and prosperous occasion, both for those who will attend and for our own chapter. We have great pride in announcing at the close of this letter that brother Warren has been recently chosen for next Commencement speaker. We are beginning to take this honor somewhat as a matter of course, as this gives us four speakers out of the last five.

Thos. Whiteside, Cor Sec.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

A review of the term shows it to have been one of mingled profit and pleasure. Theta is not able to report any initiation since the former letter, yet before the close of the year she expects to have at least two more Freshmen join in the "mystic circle." Beginning with good representations in the several classes, we have not felt compelled to take men merely to fill up our ranks. In addition to those mentioned in the October number, four men have been divided among our rivals. About Thanks-

giving time the chapter received notice that Phi Delta Theta had severed its connections with one of its members. He had been enjoying the fruits of fraternity life only eight weeks ; no reasons were given for his deprivation of them. This forcibly illustrates a former editorial of the Beta Theta Pi, which spoke of the tendency to bid in haste, and then expel. Last week the fraternity world here was treated to a genuine sensation. Two prominent members of Delta Tau Delta were lifted by Phi Kappa Psi. Various rumors have been circulated in explanation. The Delta Taus at once made a formal statement, from which it seems there was not entire harmony in their chapter, and measures were taken for the arraignment of these two members. They, in turn, replied that their relations were unpleasant with the Delta Taus, and that before their initiation No. 2 they had tendered their resignations. (This Delta Tau Delta denies.) At one time the O. W. U. had a disgraceful reputation in respect to the practice of lifting ; it is to be hoped that this relic of fraternity malpractice may be left in the past to which it has been consigned. Of our rivals, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta are probably the strongest ; for several reasons Phi Kappa Psi does not seem to maintain the standard it once did. Phi Delta Theta and Chi Phi have been steadily improving, and now their chapters are in a fair condition.

One of the most pleasant social events that have fallen to the lot of our chapter was on the occasion of the birthday of Miss Kittie McCabe, the daughter of Dr. L. D. McCabe, B.B., '44. Miss McCabe, a most loyal Beta girl, for a fit celebration of it invited Theta with our lady friends to her residence. There in the parlors, appropriately decorated with the colors of our order, the evening passed away too quickly, and was closed with songs and a beautiful speech from Dr. McCabe. Just here mention should be made of the Beta girls, of whom we are so proud. They are deemed an essential part of the chapter, for they wear the pink and blue loyally, and work for the fraternity vigorously. Every fall witnesses a sharp contest among the fraternities for the favor of the new girls. Theta is able to prove her success in this field to any chance brother who visits us, by taking him for a call at the seminary. We shall be pleased to welcome the members of any of our sister chapters who attend the state oratorical contest here in February. Withrow is a member of the board of editors of the *Bijou*, which is to be published by the fraternities.

Ernest A. Smith, Cor. Ed.

VANDERBILT.

Our college life this fall has been uneventful, and, consequently, there is not much material for a chapter letter. Vanderbilt is constantly progressing. The Board of Trust has instituted the plan of providing for the students courses of lecturers by eminent men. The first series was delivered by Dr. Atchison, of the medical department, on the subject of "Hygiene." Last week Mr. Maurice Thompson gave four lectures, three in the university chapel, and one in the city, all, however, under the auspices of the university. In January we will listen to Dr.

Sharpe, of New York. The Vanderbilt Athletic Association has paid off its indebtedness, and is now in trim for the year. The Sewanee base-ball club was challenged to play, but they were afraid of our "sluggers." Attendance at the gymnasium has been made compulsory in the academical and theological departments. The Crawford scholarship of \$100 has been founded. It is the only money premium offered in the university. Fraternity material is scarce this year, yet the rushing process has been vigorously employed by some of our rivals. Brother Barnard discovered another comet recently, making the seventh one he has discovered. We are to have a week's vacation during the Christmas holidays, a thing unknown at Vanderbilt. A petition signed by about three hundred students did the work.

Lucius S. Merriam, Cor. Sec.

MIAMI.

Since the first quarter of this century Oxford has been widely known as a college centre. In its earlier days Miami University stood in the midst of a forest many miles from any large human habitation. To-day the scene is far different. Around the college a beautiful village has grown, whose citizens are known for their energy and high culture; while the old college buildings have been appraised in modern trimmings, and the rough benches and primitive fire places displaced by more modern inventions. The returning alumnus no longer enters over a wooden stile, but walks into the beautiful campus through wide-open portals over neatly kept walks, with pleasant shrubbery and grand old forest trees to please his eye, and playful little squirrels constantly crossing his path. Few colleges have surroundings so altogether pleasant as Miami. The three great Western fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi were founded here, and hence Miami has always been filled with the spirit of the Greek. Besides these, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon formerly had flourishing chapters, but since the reopening of the college, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi have been the only ones that have re-entered.

Miami's equipment under the new regime is of a very high order. With a faculty of undoubted ability and assured capability for furnishing the most healthful instruction she may well hope for a rapid return of her prestige. Dr. Robert W. McFarland came from the Ohio State University to accept the presidency of Miami; Dr. Andrew D. Hapburn left the presidency of Davidson College to accept the professorship of English language and literature; Prof. R. H. Bishop has been professor of Latin at Miami for twenty years, and is now back in his old chair. Dr. J. R. Sterrett, eminent as an archaeologist, came from Athens, Greece, to take the chair of Greek languages and literature. Professors Henry Snyder and Jos. F. James occupy the chair of natural sciences, while Prof. Oliver Holben, for many years a student in German universities and at Paris, occupies the chair of modern languages. Brother W. J. McSurley, D.D., delivered the annual address before the society of alumni last June.

Alpha chapter assembled on the grounds last term under the most favorable auspices. She had been represented at the convention by four active members: Brown, Greer, Shannon, and Berry, who gained in experience by their trip, and returned full of enthusiasm for the fall campaign. For some time we were compelled to hold meetings in private rooms, but finally procured a suitable hall which has been fitted up very cozily. The Greek letters of the fraternity, tastefully modelled and embossed with gold, shine forth from the outer walls of the hall and direct passers-by to Alpha's shrine. We did not make a very vigorous rush in the fall campaign, simply because we saw but little suitable material among new men. We procured two good candidates, brothers Will C. Morris, '89, of Liberty, Ind., and J. Clifford Mears, '90, Cincinnati, O. The initiatory proceedings were held in our new hall, and at their conclusion the customary "dorg" was sacrificed. The policy of Alpha in the selection of men is conservative. None are taken in who do not perfectly harmonize with the chapter—and because of this many names are passed over which are in all other respects excellent ones. The only rivals whom we meet are Phi Delta Theta. For the most part they are good men (not of our ilk) but still of honorable standing. It is observable, however, that during the short time since the re-establishment of these two fraternities our men have shown the better *staying* qualities. Of the men first initiated by us we still have all but one, besides all who have since been initiated, while they in the same length of time have lost six or perhaps eight of their men. In the classroom Alpha has held her own, on the base-ball field she has gained particular prominence, and in the literary halls has been many times honored by the conferment of important offices—including the presidency twice—and by the especial distinction of some of her members in debate. So far prosperity and happiness have ever attended us, and we trust will continue to be ours.

J. Newton Brown, Cor. Sec.

OHIO.

Since our last letter we have initiated one man, C. M. Carrick, whom we had pledged last year. The initiation took place on November 22nd, and brother Dunkle, principal of the preparatory department, was present and assisted in the ceremony. This year we have pledged one man, N. N. Embree, who is decidedly the most desirable man that entered college last fall. Our chapter has kept up her record in the matter of scholarship and our average grade was higher than that of either of our rivals, this being the eleventh time that has been so in the last twelve terms. Our chapter life is very pleasant and harmonious, all of the members being present at each meeting. A few weeks ago we enjoyed a pleasant visit from Blackstone, '71, who is a prominent physician of Circleville, O.

At the beginning of the present term Miss Donnelly was elected professor of elocution. After the holidays Miss Lillian Michael, '84, a loyal Beta girl, will take a position as teacher of methods in the pedagogical department.

Geo. W. Reed, Cor. Sec.

TEXAS.

The fall term has been with us a most active and successful one. The fraternities of the university are seven. Only two of these—the Phi Delta Theta and the Kappa Alpha—do we consider our rivals; but the former entered the field with seven, and the latter with twelve men. This formal array did not prevent our four men from tripling their number with students of whom they have every reason to be proud. Brother Elliott was pledged last spring; James and Weaver, as they stood between the seven fraternity sieves of our institution, experienced the feelings of the Hanoverian white horse for some weeks before they finally decided that our sifted beans were the sweetest. With the other five brothers, the fact of our superiority seems to have been a foregone conclusion. At our first initiation exercises we were honored by the presence of only two resident brothers—Rev. Dr. Wright and S. M. Smith—but their genial natures conspired to banish all restraint, if such a thing were possible in the meetings of Beta Omicron. We had a fine “dorg,” and as his flesh vanished so vanished the last spark of barbarianism from the hearts of our initiates. Our next initiation was held on Thanksgiving evening. This time we were joined by brothers McGown, Hopkins, and (we consider it an especial honor) Judge David Sheeks, '56, of the Indiana University. We had another “dorg,” a big, stumped-tail one, as brother Sheeks expressed. Our chapter recently received an invitation from brother Wright to attend a church social at his residence. But recreation is a rare thing for the students of the Texas University, and with sincere regrets we found it impossible to attend. Five of us visited his church on the following Sunday, however, and heard him preach from a text (Col. III. 2.), in which both Greeks and barbarians figured. Our regular meetings are now held at private house of the corresponding secretary, where we have the advantage of plenty of room and no disturbance.

To size up the men of the other fraternities of our university, the following terms can be used in all fairness. The Kappa Sigmas are that class of men who attend the university not for its educational advantages but for its society; and in ignoring the one they are ignored by the other. Sigma Chi ranks next, and while they do not make as gross a mistake as that other fraternity, by ignoring study entirely in their craving for society, they try to sit on both stools at once, and naturally slip between. The Sigma Nus and the Sigma Alpha Epsilons are the plodders, the laborers in the field, who care little for the society of their fellows, and have little to show for their work at the end of the year. The Kappa Alphas go to the other extreme. They are the talented men, the handsome men, the society wits, who hold themselves aloof from the many whom they consider less talented, less handsome, or less witty than themselves. In short, they are the conceited men of the university. Finally the Phi Delta Thetas. After sifting these from the other, we consider them alone as our rivals. Though their standing as students is not as generally high as that of the members of Beta Omicron, a large part of them hold positions of respect in their classes and in society. They are modest yet dignified, they do not seek, but are sought. Of course, there are marked individual exceptions in each

of these classes, but, generally speaking, the summary of estimates given is fair and accurate.

Wm. L. Stiles, Cor. Sec.

WABASH.

Since we were last heard from we have initiated H. E. Lucas, of Veedersburg, Ind., and E. S. Lewis, of Crawfordsville. This gives us an active membership of 14. No literary honors have been awarded as yet, but we maintain our high position in other departments. We have four men in the base-ball club, three in the glee club, and two members of the football team. The football team fully sustained the record of the college in the annual contest, and Wabash still holds the championship of the State. Hughes, '89, has been elected secretary of the oratorical association. Lewis, '88, is organist of the college and of the Center Presbyterian church.

Except Phi Kappa Psi, perhaps, our rivals are stronger than at this time last year. Sigma Chi has 11 men—five of whom are "preps." The chapter stands well in the college and is fairly popular. While it does not excel in any particular direction, it still is not noticeably deficient in anything. Phi Gamma Delta numbers ten, having had but one addition this year and that by transfer. It stands well in church circles and has several good students. Phi Kappa Psi has 2 Seniors, 2 "preps." and one irregular. This fraternity has been very unfortunate in Wabash for several years and its fate seems to be sealed. We hope, however, the tide will yet turn in its favor, as Phi Kappa Psi was once our strongest and best rival. Phi Delta Theta also has a chapter here, but it is a heterogeneous conglomeration which we can hardly speak of in the light of a rival. It is at best but a tool in the hands of the "barb." association. We are on good terms with all our rivals. In fact, factional quarrels have been rare this year, and a spirit of peace seems to have taken up its abode among us. The fall term has been one marked by hard and aggressive work in all departments. Even the field of college politics has not been left to thorns and thistles. The several elections were carried by a motley crew of "barbs." and Phi Deltas, who, as usual, by the superior merit of quantity, carried everything by large majorities.

Several of our alumni and also several brothers from neighboring chapters have made us pleasant and welcome visits during the past term, and we hope that they and others may find it convenient to visit us frequently in the future.

J. A. Greene, Cor. Sec.

JOHNS HOPKINS.

Although but seemingly a short time has elapsed since we sent in a few hastily written lines as our letter for the October number of the magazine, yet in that time quite a good deal has taken place in our chapter and in the university proper. In the first place, it is our pleasant duty to state that the chapter is in a prosperous condition in every

way, as our numbers have run up to twenty-one active members so far, and the feeling among the majority of these, at least, is very much more fraternal than ever known here before. Although the attendance on the part of several members has not been quite up to the mark, yet this is very easily and satisfactorily explained by the fact that their studies will not allow them to devote more than one evening a month to a meeting of the chapter. This may seem to students of other institutions as a little exaggerated, but we have no less an authority for it than our worthy president, D. C. Gilman, who recently stated to a committee of our chapter who interviewed him on some fraternity matters, that in all his experience, and he has been connected with Yale, University of California, Harvard and many other leading institutions of this country, he has never met a set of young men who were so extremely of, or, as he himself literally stated it, "so anxiously thirsting for" study and obtaining knowledge as are found here at the Johns Hopkins University. This fact, he says, accounts entirely for the lack of sociability and intimate acquaintanceship which is found here as compared with other colleges and universities. This fact, we repeat, then fully excuses those men who are a little irregular in their attendance and also is quite a credit to those who do attend regularly, and we are happy to say that the latter constitute by far the majority of our active members.

Since our last letter our loss of six loyal Betas by graduation has been still further made up by the transfer of brothers Fernald, Lees, and Reigart from Maine State, Adelbert and Dickinson colleges respectively, and the initiation of four "barbs.," viz.: A. B. Faust, '89, B. B. Shreeves, '89, A. L. Lamb, '87, and J. E. Gilpin, '88. What, however, pleased the older members of our chapter the most is the extremely active spirit shown by our "babes" of last year, and especially by Simon and Fearn. If Alpha Chi succeeds in all she is striving for this fall, and it is almost safe to say that she will, it will be due, in a very great measure, if not entirely, to the unceasing energy and efforts of these loyal Betas. What has occupied the chapter's attention for the past two or three meetings is the fact that we want a chapter-room. It has been felt by every one of the members as a necessary requisite for continued success, as it will fill up a gap in the university curriculum, viz.: the want of a means of bringing the students in contact in a social and friendly way. Continued efforts are being made in this direction, and the result of them will no doubt be to fix us up quite snugly and comfortably in rooms which we can call our own and can justly name "Alpha Chi Hall."

Quite a number of changes are to be made in the university this fall and winter, consisting mainly, however, in the moving of different departments to other quarters. The main cause of this is the completion of the large and handsome physical laboratory to which the physical department will remove during the Christmas holidays. The buildings they vacate will be refitted to suit the purposes of the classical and modern language departments, and the minerological department, on account of the increase in the number of chemical students, will have to leave Dalton Hall (the chemical laboratory) and step into the place

previously occupied by the students of professors Gildersleeve and Warren. Another important announcement is the near completion of the "Hopkins Hospital" and the consequent opening of courses in pathology under the direction of Prof. W. H. Welch. This hospital, for which our munificent benefactor, Johns Hopkins, left four million dollars, consists of twenty-three large and newly built buildings, occupying a space of two entire blocks, which are situated in the highest part of Baltimore, commanding a fine view of the city and prominently visible from almost every part. The new physical laboratory, which is in the heart of the city, alongside of its sister buildings—the chemical and biological laboratories—is built after the latest and most approved patterns and presents a fine appearance to the visitor. It has upon one of its corners a large dome, containing a large telescope, transit instrument, etc., and which also raises its head high in the air and together with the hospital dome and the Washington monument makes a splendid trio of "castles in the air" for Baltimore.

Among other recent appointments is that of Dr. L. Duncan to the chair of electricity, in which there is now a separate course and which, when once firmly settled in the new laboratory, will offer a fine chance for those who intend to become electrical engineers. Another appointment is that of Prof. J. H. Wright, late professor of Greek at Dartmouth college, to the chair of classical philosophy in the place of Prof. C. D. Morris, who died here last February. This, together with several other appointments, makes our academic staff number 47, who instruct in turn 328 students. The academic staff is divided as follows: President and professors, 11; associate professors, 12; associates, 13; instructors and assistants, 10; lecturers, 1. Total, 47. The students come from thirty-three different States of the United States and six other countries—Canada, Japan, China, England, Germany and Italy.

In conclusion we add that we are always glad to meet Betas who may be in Baltimore, and will be especially glad to do so when we get our room ready for occupation.

Alfred R. L. Dohme, Cor. Sec.

RANDOLPH-MACON.

There can be said in regard to our chapter life that it is neither dead nor dying, but so unvarying is its course that there are no new features to describe: our chapter work is quiet; no excitement or disturbance to characterize it and even no disappointment to vary the monotony of success. We have initiated two men this year, rescuing one of them from the clutches of our rivals after a protracted struggle, making our present number nine and lacking only one of what has for some time seemed to be our complement. Fraternities at Randolph-Macon are almost without exception numerically stronger than during the former session. The violent opposition among a certain class of students that found its expression two years ago in the formation of an anti-fraternity organization has subsided to a remarkable degree, and the "A. F. O." has sunk almost out of sight.

Last year our chapter had to encounter a great obstacle to the frequent intermingling of its members, that of difference in location; not more than two or three together were in close proximity to each other; and, consequently, although all were zealous in the common cause and true to their friendship for each other, this geographical separation necessitated, to however slight an extent, a lack of unity in action. We thus appreciate our present situation so much the more; nearly all of us have rooms immediately adjacent, or nearly so, and we find that such a centralized position has incalculable advantages, both in strengthening the fraternal feeling and in giving new zest for fraternity work.

George Shipley, Cor. Sec.

INDIANA.

Since our last letter we have gained another victory in the initiation of Frank H. Post, '90, who was "spiked" by two of our rivals. The Freshman class recently showed its appreciation of his qualities as a gentleman and a scholar by electing him its vice-president. Last year the Oratorical Association of the university was composed of the "Athenian," the "Philomathean" and the "Hesperian" societies, and from these a delegate is selected by contest to represent the university at the state contest at Indianapolis. Owing to the turbulent condition of college politics, the "barb." element of these societies withdrew and organized a society of their own, which has since become almost a fraternity. The association refused to admit them and they, with the Phi Delta Thetas, held a separate contest and in this way two delegates were elected. This ended in a disgraceful affair, their delegate interrupting the rightful one and causing both to be removed. The faculty has endeavored to prevent such difficulties by passing a law that hereafter the delegate from this university must be approved by them. This takes the quarrel out of the hands of the students and places it in the hands of the faculty. It remains to be seen how it will work.

College society is not very marked this year, but the best of relations exist between Betas and the lady fraternities, especially the Kappa Alpha Theta. The only remarkable event this season was the reception given by the Holiday Club, in which Betas took a prominent part. The Beta base-ball nine proved its superiority so thoroughly last year that all the other nines were afraid to accept its challenges this fall, and we still remain the champion. We were well represented in the football team, having four out of the eleven, one of which was the captain. On the 14th of December a concert was given by the Mendelssohn Club, consisting mainly of students, one-third of the proceeds to be used for fitting up a gymnasium. Fraternity spirit runs very high in the spiking of men in the college classes, but there is a tendency among the fraternities no longer to initiate "preps.," and now they are taken in fewer numbers than ever before. Phi Kappa Psi has one, but will not initiate any more. Beta Theta Pi has "sworn off" entirely, Phi Gamma Delta has one, Sigma Chi two and Phi Delta Theta none—these three last having no more because they can't get them.

B. V. Sudbury, Asst.

Albert Miller, Cor. Sec.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We began the fall term under very favorable circumstances, having lost but one man, George Fryer, '86 law, who, however, has joined the Philadelphia alumni chapter and will, therefore, be still among us. Having made but one accession to date, we number at present ten men. It may, perhaps, seem strange to some of our sister chapters that we have not the pleasure of reporting the advent of more than one man, Louis J. Matas, '86, science, artist on '86's *Record*. But this would soon be made evident to any one who would carefully scrutinize our history for the last three or four years. He would find that we have rarely initiated any new man before the expiration of the first half term, our reasons being, (1) the desirability of hearing the results of the student's scholarship; (2) the difficulty of becoming sufficiently acquainted to judge of their fitness, we having no dormitory system at our college, so that though our progress is slow, our excuse, we think, is a legitimate one. We are not mighty in numbers, five of our rivals surpassing us in that regard, yet we can say without any egotism that Phi chapter of 10 men never possessed a more harmonious personal feeling among themselves and honorable respect from the other fraternities than at the present time. Several times have we heard commendable remarks passed by other chapters regarding our chapter unity and brotherly respect.

On account of the great rivalry and frequent combinations among the other fraternities in vogue here for the securing of the offices of classes and societies, Phi has found it necessary to have a representation from the chapter in the different societies (athletic, musical, etc.) to look after our interests and to see that we are properly recognized. In these endeavors we are glad to say our efforts have been fruitful.

Our college is becoming more useful and efficient in every way, the entrance examination standard being made higher every year. We thus find students seeking admission more willing and able to work and more a credit to the institution. The idea of erecting, next year, a commodious building for the exclusive use of the technical courses will, if carried out, give a great impetus to the scientific school and far exceed anything of the kind now in existence. It is purposed to make it self-sustaining by a large endowment.

As regards the fraternities established here, I will endeavor to give as accurate and fair account as possible. Zeta Psi is the first to command our attention; we regard this society as the most influential and respected at college. Their members are superior both in scholarship and athletics, and their strength is mainly due to their large alumni. They are our most respected rivals, and though we sometimes come into conflict with them over a man, their bearing is always gentlemanly and kindly. They number about thirty. Delta Psi is the "society" fraternity. Approach any dude at college and ask him what badge he supports and his invariable answer will be as above, irrespective of mental capacity, popularity or congeniality. When they in their eagerness initiate a man who they afterwards find does not meet their dudish anticipations, he is completely ignored and left to meet the stern professor's frown alone, and to fight the college reverses without fraternal

sympathy. They are about thirty, but their numbers are often reduced by special requests of the faculty. Phi Kappa Psi is a worthy rival. Their strength also lies mainly in their alumni, having six professors in the faculty. They possess, on the whole, a very desirable chapter. They have not, so far, as we can learn, initiated any new men in the Freshman and Sophomore classes. They are about twenty-five. Delta Phi has a moderately good chapter. Their numbers are frequently reduced by members not completing their courses. They strive to secure the athletes, no matter what their scholarship standing. The spiking is generally done outside of college, or their pledged men are their friends before they enter. They are somewhat inclined to combinations and compromises to secure the offices, about twenty in number. Phi Kappa Sigma is the Alpha chapter of this society, it being mainly a Southern fraternity. It is composed of the most ungentelemanly men at college, the chapter being sustained by sheer force of numbers. In a chapter of twenty probably not more than five of this number would Phi's men offer to recognize. They are looked upon as the bullies and schemers and would resort to any means to secure a man; they command very little respect from the other chapters. Alpha Tau Omega will probably be extinct next year. Three years ago this society possessed a very enviable chapter. But by making few acquaintances and by suffering losses by graduation and leave, they have dwindled down to two men, with one of these to graduate. Delta Tau Delta has several men in the medical department, but only stragglers from other colleges, as they have no recognized chapter. Our feeling toward all the other fraternities in general is harmonious, and they seldom come into conflict with one another. Though the college has eleven departments, the fraternity work is done almost exclusively in the medical, scientific, and art departments, and thus, though we have a large college, the students are not all in a position to become society men.

John P. Krecker, Asst. Cor. Sec.

WESTMINSTER.

The fall campaign is about over, and Alpha Delta looks back with complacency upon the field of her achievements. We began the year with only six men, but have succeeded in filling up our ranks with true Beta spirits, in whom we have great hope and confidence. Our numerical strength was such that our out-going brothers of last year were somewhat apprehensive of our future, but subsequent developments, however, have showed that every fear was groundless. We were very careful in selecting new men, and delayed making any initiations so long that our rival had begun to think that the wonted conservative policy of our chapter had taken such a fast hold upon us that no new names would be added this year. They were sadly disappointed, however, as on November 20 four of the choicest spirits in college were inducted into the mysteries of Betadom. Our roll bears the newly-added names of Wm. L. Hickman, Jos. S. Major, Walter W. Nesbit and Lee Montgomery. It is expected of all these brothers that they will do themselves and their fraternity honor in the busy walks

of life. Brother B. H. Charles, Jr., is teaching in Synodical Female College; he is still "one of the boys" and lends us his presence and counsel in chapter meetings. He is well known among Betas abroad, having been corresponding secretary of Alpha Delta several years. His father, Rev. B. H. Charles, D. D., is the much esteemed president of the above named institution and a most loyal Beta—an alumnus of Epsilon. Brother John M. Grant, an alumnus of '86, is studying medicine in the city and meets with us regularly, being president of the chapter. Phi Delta Theta, our only rival, has added five new names to her roll, and perhaps will initiate five, ten, or fifteen more before next commencement.

The outlook for Westminster College is growing brighter. The interest of the two branches, North and South, of the Presbyterian church in Missouri has been reawakened and measures have been set on foot for a further endowment, and efforts will soon be put forth for improvement in the way of additional buildings.

With a numerical strength of eleven and one man pledged in the class of '89, Alpha Delta is full of life and enthusiasm, and looks forth upon the future with no feeling of distrust or apprehension. Although we have not the luxury of a chapter house, our meetings are held regularly and are always interesting. It has long been our custom to initiate, so far as possible, all our new men during the first of the year and in the latter part to cultivate the internal condition of the chapter and strengthen ties that bind us.

R. Lee Simpson, Cor. Sec.

DENISON.

Little has transpired since our last letter to ruffle Denison's calm serenity, yet aside from our chapter life there have been happenings of general interest. Late in the fall the trustees of our institution met and elected a man to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Owen. Their choice hit upon Dr. Galusha Anderson, late president of the late Chicago University, a man of liberal education, broad views, sterling worth and wide experience—in short, just the man for the place—and from his acceptance of the presidency of our institution there arises mutual honor. The campaign of the fall term was an exceedingly quiet one and its results "give general satisfaction." Of our rivals, Sigma Chi is in a very prosperous and healthful state and has a good outlook for the future; Phi Gamma Delta has acquired several "average good" men and at the opening of the fall term entered a new hall, pleasantly situated and well fitted up, and has well attempted to thoroughly prepare herself for future work. The fraternities are on very friendly terms and it is to be hoped will continue to be so.

Items of social interest are scarce. The two regular entertainments of the fall term given by the two literary societies of the college department, have taken place. The programs were well carried out, that of the Calliopean society deserving special mention; it was a contest in declamation, prizes to the amount of thirty dollars having been given to the society for this event—by Rev. Frederic Clatworthy, of

Evanston, Ill., a Denison Beta of '69. The contestants reflected much credit upon themselves and their society, four out of the six being Phi Gams. and two non-frats. The two prizes were awarded to Phi Gams.

Granville is, indeed, an educational centre; with a population of about twelve hundred she boasts two young ladies' seminaries, a college and a large public school. The seminaries and the college are denominational, one seminary the property of the Presbyterians, the other "sem." and the college Baptist institutions. The Presbyterian seminary has been thoroughly refitted and repaired by the present principal and is a school of which the denomination may well feel proud. The Baptist school was recently presented to the Baptists of Ohio by its former owner on condition that an endowment of one hundred thousand dollars be raised. This most generous offer has been accepted and the required sum stands subscribed by generous Baptists throughout the state. Immediate steps will be taken toward the erection of a new seminary, and this when completed, according to the proposed plans, will be that paragon of excellence, the model school. The "Generous Baptists" did not stop with endowing the seminary; they have taken steps toward raising an additional one hundred thousand dollars for Denison; a part of this fund will erect an academic department building apart from the college, which will supply a long-felt want. Everything points to a speedy raising of the endowment.

R. P. Smith, Cor. Sec.

IOWA WESLEYAN.

We initiated three men December 11th, Charles Dickey, Merrit Morehouse and Frank Houseman, who will all make good and earnest Betas. Several of our alumni met with us in the initiation and the "Dorg" that followed. We are always careful in the selection of our men, and do not rush pell-mell into the initiation of men merely to increase our chapter roll. Phi Delta Theta, numbering fifteen, is a conglomerate mass, with two or three good men. They initiate a man before they have a chance to judge him. In this manner they secure a large number of "indifferent" men, with once in a while one who is a really worthy man. As a result of this they are not a harmonious band, as should be the object of a chapter, but more like a "job-lot" joined together for certain ends. There have been cases when they have initiated men without the knowledge of all the members of the chapter. We aim to remain a united band of like tastes and sympathies, and will initiate none to whom all cannot give the grip with brotherly affection. In this manner we have been able to keep harmony in our midst, and our coolness has never lost us a man whom we really desired.

Our college life has been remarkably quiet this term. Nothing startling nor novel has occurred. The usual class receptions, society exhibitions, lectures, etc., have come and gone, and the even tenor of our ways has not been jarred. The anti-fraternity movement which was started two years ago, and which showed itself in the president of the university last year, has apparently died out, and everything is quiet

and peaceful. Last spring, in a meeting of secret societies called by the president, we were given to understand that our presence was not desired, and that next year we might expect some decisive measures. We have seen none as yet, and hope to see none.

Owen G. Wilson, Cor. Sec.

STEVENS.

The termination of the fall contest at our college was most satisfactory to the Stevens chapter. Out of the sixty odd men who entered the class of 1890 we have selected five, they being all whom we thought possessed of the qualifications of a Beta. There may be other desirable men in the class, but we have not yet arrived at that conclusion in regard to any of them. There are always some modest, unpretentious fellows in a class whose real worth is not known until the year is well advanced. We usually meet with but little opposition in securing new men; not that our members are not sought for by other fraternities, for there is not a man in the chapter who has not received at least one bid besides our own, but our rivals have a custom of kindly withdrawing as soon as they find out positively that we desire a man as a member. We have decidedly the five leading men of the Freshman class, one being president of the class, another historian, and three members of the college football team. By the way, the Stevens chapter has furnished a large portion of the material for the football team this year, six of our men having been on the team at various times during the year. It is unnecessary to offer excuses for their not being on the team during the whole term, as you all know it is something unusual for a man to pass safely through a whole season of football. Brother Hawkins, who was one of the most reliable men on the team, received such injuries as to necessitate his going home. He will, however, rejoin his class after the Christmas recess.

Our most formidable rival is the new chapter of Chi Phi, which was established here three years ago, and has gradually grown in strength until now its rank is second. The Chi Phis are not as strong this year as they were last. They very unwisely initiated some undesirable men, and have probably recognized their error before this; they will feel the effects of it more keenly next year than at present. The Theta Xi chapter is small this year, but the class of men very good; they will probably hold their own, as they usually use good judgment in the selection of men and do not initiate them simply for the sake of numbers. The Delta Tau Delta chapter was at one time one of the strongest here, at present it is about the weakest. An odd lot are those Deltas. The Sigma Chi have one commendable virtue, at least, that is steadiness; they seem to think it their duty to keep the scales evenly balanced—they would not for the world increase their numbers or initiate any but a certain kind of man. They have remained the same in this respect during the last four years and, for all I know to the contrary, since their establishment here. As they very rarely set their hearts on any man whom we desire, we do not clash and are very good friends. The Chi Psi chapter have quite a large number of men,

who are very good fellows in some respects. There is at every college a chapter which might be termed a scavenger, as it lives on the leavings of the other fraternities. There is such a one at Stevens, but it would not be polite to name them, so we will leave them in their ignorance. There is a clique here composed of Delta Tau Delta, Theta Xi and Chi Phi who try to run all the elections. As we cannot enter into any combination of this kind we suffer by it to a certain extent. But whenever the college wants a captain of any kind the Stevens chapter is usually called upon.

It is with profound regret that we report the loss of brother A. W. Mack, who has joined the Stevens colony at Cornell. He was a great favorite in the chapter and will be often thought of by those he leaves.

Druid A. Walton, Cor. Sec.

WISCONSIN.

The university has at present a larger attendance than it has ever enjoyed since the abolition of the preparatory school, the new catalogue showing a total enrollment of 502, of whom 200 are in the Freshman class. There have been various changes in our faculty this year. Prof. Edward F. Owen goes to the University of California, to take charge of the French department. As he only goes on leave of absence for a year, we hope that at the end of that time he will see fit to resume his old place here. During his absence Lieutenant Lomia, professor of military science and tactics, takes his place as professor of French. We have also lost our astronomer, Prof. Holden, who is to have charge of the Lick Observatory in California. As yet he has no successor here. President Bascom will close his long and successful career as president of the University of Wisconsin next June. Under his able management the university has grown and prospered and his departure will be an almost irreparable loss. During his whole term here he has enjoyed the love and respect of the students and has shown himself to be a man eminently fitted for the position. We trust that under his successor, Prof. Chamberlain, the university will continue to prosper.

With the prosperity of the university has come prosperity to Alpha Pi. We now have an active membership of fifteen, with good chances for still further increase during the year. Shedd, '86, has entered the law school, and we expect that Delaney, who was with us one term in 1885, will also enter the law school next term. There has been an interest and enthusiasm manifested this fall such as Alpha Phi has not enjoyed for many years, and we may safely say that, if not in numbers, at least in literary honors and ability, Beta Theta Pi stands at the head. Of the other fraternities here Phi Kappa Psi probably ranks next. They have some very able men and will take their share of honors. Chi Psi has a chapter of twenty-one. In numbers they lead, but in ability and literary standing they are inferior to either Beta Theta Pi or Phi Kappa Psi. Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi and Delta Upsilon all have some able men in spots, but on the whole do not rank with the other three. There was an attempt made this fall to settle the old difficulty in regard to precedence between Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta

Theta, but it was unsuccessful; and the four fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, and Sigma Chi, will have no official connection with the *Annual* this year. With the exception of this difficulty our relations with the neutrals and the rival fraternities are friendly and harmonious. The joint committee of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi and Sigma Chi are busy getting ready for the annual inter-fraternity ball, which is to be held in Library Hall some time in February. We will endeavor to make this reception the social event of the year, as it has been heretofore.

F. W. Stearns, Asst. Cor. Sec.

HARVARD.

The 250th anniversary of Harvard's foundation, with its gayeties and festivities, has come and gone. Once more the college has resumed its accustomed tranquillity and settled down to the toils and pleasures of the winter term. At this season, when athletics have been cast aside for a time, the societies, clubs and fraternities become a more essential part of the life of the student, and more naturally attract our attention. It is, however, with feelings of deepest regret that we look upon Eta chapter, a chapter which seemed once destined to become one of our foremost chapters, and see it struggling almost for existence. Most chapter correspondents paint the successes of their chapters in glowing colors, and perhaps it is better that they should always look on the bright side; but sometimes, when the clouds of misfortune are darkest, we are unable to see their silver linings. Fortune has smiled on Eta, but now she frowns. For more than a year Eta has been in a comatose condition, owing to the internal dissensions and the inharmony which have existed. This inharmony, caused by petty jealousies and enmities, and the attempt to harmonize members of unlike tastes and unlike ideas, finally reached a crisis which threatened the very existence of the chapter, and has since left it in a crippled condition. Owing to the graduation of several of the members and the resignation of others, Eta to-day is struggling along, doing little, with few members and a prospect of still fewer, unless a remedy is speedily applied. But where there is life there is hope; to bring order out of chaos it only needs a guiding hand, able and willing to undertake an arduous task. Once started in the right direction Eta's success is assured. With an abundance of good material, with plenty of vim and push, with the lessons which past misfortunes have taught us well learned, there remains but one stumbling block in the way of our success, a stumbling block not easily overcome, and that is the lack of a fraternity spirit and feeling at Harvard.

Harvard is a college of clubs and societies, not of fraternities. Not but that there are fraternities here, but most of them exist as mere local clubs, having little or nothing to do with their fraternity, and scarcely recognizing their existence. Delta Kappa Epsilon, best known in common college parlance as "The Dickey," and connected by name only with the fraternity, is a Sophomore social and theatrical club, having between forty and fifty members, who are the first four or five tens

of the "Institute of 1770." Alpha Delta Phi has the best chapter here, a chapter composed largely of literary men of high social and college standing, with a membership of about thirty-five, but with fraternal bonds none too strong. Of those more recently founded Zeta Psi is the most prominent, a mere club, composed of the faster set, mostly athletic and of those who do not pride themselves on their scholarly attainments. Quite the reverse is Delta Upsilon, a chapter of scholars seemingly selected without regard to social qualifications or social standing. It is to their credit, however, that they recognize what a fraternity should be better than the other chapters, and are intimately acquainted with the neighboring chapters of their order. Last, and perhaps least, is Theta Delta Chi, a chapter seldom heard of, and with no marked characteristics. When you next hear from Eta we hope the storm may have passed, and the brightness of a day full of promise have gleamed forth. To this laudable end most earnest efforts will be applied by the remaining faithful.

William M. McInnes.

CUMBERLAND.

The fall campaign is over and we flatter ourselves that we have been eminently successful, having initiated nine men. The last "dorg" was prepared for brother Landreth, '88, literary department. We had to put in some of our best work on him, as he was urgently solicited by S. A. E. A short while prior to his initiation, we took in Pearson, '88, of Missouri, and Pace, '90, of Kentucky. Both of them have brothers who are wearers of the pink and blue. We have captured our share of the honors this year, although the fraternity line has been as yet but faintly drawn. We have at present two of the three society presidents; the editor-in-chief of *The Student* and two of the associate editors. We also have the chairman for the joint meeting held the evening of December 27th, of the literary societies of Cumberland University and the young ladies' society of the Lebanon College for young ladies. We also have one of the two orators and two of the four debaters.

Our loss in January will be heavy: Fitzpatrick, Rucker, Sneed, and Martin will take degrees, and Devine, Ward, Stone, and Owsley will, in all probability, leave college. Jackson has already been called home by telegram, but will probably return again. But if only a few of us are left behind the new term will find us still a band of faithful workers. We now have a handsome room, neatly furnished and conveniently situated. It gives us a new zeal and we have high hopes for Mu's future. J. W. Caldwell has been with us for a few days and his visit was enjoyed by all, more especially by Mu's older members. It will be remembered that he is now preaching in Selma, Ala.

Hallett Harding, Cor. Sec.

BELOIT.

We are glad to report since our last letter the initiation of A. S. Wheeler, of Dubuque, Ia., and C. H. Sedgwick, of Manitowa, Wis., both

of '90. The former was pledged early in the term and the latter was secured after a sharp contest between all the fraternities represented here. Brother Sedgwick came strongly inclined toward one of the fraternities by reason of previous acquaintance with some of its members. He was also thrown into the companionship of members of another of our opponents, so that we were rather at a disadvantage in rushing him. But in the face of these difficulties we were finally successful. The initiation of the twins took place on the 10th of December. All our resident alumni were present and we had also the great pleasure of welcoming Wilson Denny, '82, who has lately taken charge of the Congregational Church at Clinton, Iowa.

On the 17th of December the annual banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association took place at the Union League Club, of which brother W. B. Keys, '73, is president, and many more of our college alumni are members. The president of the college, members of the faculty and board of trustees, and the college glee club were in attendance. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the exercises of the evening, both gastronomic and oratorical.

The banquet given by Rho, Chi and Alpha Pi, occurred on the 22nd of December, at Kinsley's, of Chicago, and many of the Chicago alumni were present. Our officers for the coming term are: president, H. C. Brown; treasurer, J. R. Montgomery; recording secretary, H. S. Wheeler. Prof. S. Robert Slaymaker, B.A., of Racine College is at present spending his holidays vacation at his country seat near Beloit. We open the term with some new men in both college and academy and may be able to report further additions.

H. M. Hyde, Asst. Cor. Sec.

MISSISSIPPI.

Since our last letter we are happy to say that our anticipations for the chapter and university have, to a great extent, been realized. We raised the "howlings of the canine" by initiating Mr. J. T. Jones, who we think will make for Beta Zeta a loyal member. We were made glad by the return of H. C. Hoover in November, so that we now number eleven, who are remarkably harmonious and therefore prosperous. The time for awarding honors has not yet arrived, but when it does come we think that our chapter will come in for her share. We are represented on the university magazine by J. D. Burge, who is the business manager.

The institution under the new government of which we spoke in our last letter is showing marked improvement. The conduct of the students is better and consequently there are better recitations.

The main sport is foot-ball, over which there seems to be a good deal of excitement. Our rivals are the same as usual, numbering many of them more than we do, for the reason, already stated in our semi-annual report, that they did not suffer so much last session from graduation and the failure of as many undergraduates to return. They are as follows: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 20; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Delta Psi, 13; Chi Psi, 12; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Sigma Chi, 10; Phi Kappa Psi,

9; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 9. Aside from the usual spirit of rivalry, there seems to be a friendly relation between the fraternities here.

J. B. McElroy, Cor. Sec.

MADISON.

Since our last letter Beta Theta has been doing quiet but steady work. At the time of the last writing we had twelve men. Soon, however, brother W. A. St. John, '88, who had been spending the summer in surveying in Dakota, returned to college. We have lost no men this year; all have returned to duty for the second term of the year. December 11th was a red-letter day with us. In the evening we gathered in our hall to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the establishing of our chapter. The occasion was in every way all that could be desired. The banquet was befitting the occasion, and it is needless to say that ample justice was done to it. Then followed the usual accompaniments—toasts and Beta songs—and as we listened to the recital by one of our alumni of the story of the establishing of Beta Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, all felt there were principles which demand our support, and an honor to be sustained.

On the 27th of December, in Hamilton, N. Y., the chapter paid its respects to brother George P. Perry, '82, in the form of a handsome bridal gift. The wedding was a quiet one and the happy couple immediately went to Westerley, R. I., where brother Perry is settled as pastor of the First Baptist church. He was called to the pastorate of this church during the past summer, and at once entered upon the field. Our chapter is in a prosperous condition, and all are working with a vim that seems to predict good results in the future.

Horace G. McKean, Cor. Sec.

WESTERN RESERVE.

The students are quite anxious to know who will succeed Dr. Cutler to the presidency of Adelbert College. In spite of this expectancy, college work has been unusually good this past term, and this spirit of faithful study bids fair to continue through the year. We frequently mourn the lack of college spirit at Adelbert. This is quite often to be the result at colleges where the attendance is of a local character. The larger proportion of students here live some distance from the college buildings, the homes of many being in the city. It is very rarely that students get together here for mischief. College spirit seems to be dead, and class feeling is mostly swallowed up by fraternity rivalry. While fraternity intercourse is better than for a few years past, yet fraternity spirit makes up the social life of our college. There are represented at Adelbert six societies for gentlemen and one for ladies. The oldest is the chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, which was established in 1841. Later in the same year Beta of Beta Theta Pi was chartered. These two societies had full control of fraternity matters until 1847, when Delta Upsilon placed a chapter here; how long that chapter lived we know not, but it was re-established in 1865. Three years later the Delta

Kappa Epsilon entered the college. About this time Beta became "non est," but was re-established in 1881. The year following Delta Tau Delta organized a chapter here and in 1886 Phi Gamma Delta joined her fortunes with the other societies here. Of the older chapters only two have had a continuous existence. The chapter of Alpha Delta Phi at present consists of ten men. In scholarship it is not above an average. Their stand in society is quite good, and they probably lead in athletics. Their general relation to the other chapters is not one of mutual affection. They will lose two of their best men this year. The chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has six men, and has without doubt reached its lowest point. Its scholarship is far below the average, but its hold on society is excellent. The present tone of this chapter seems to be better than for a few years past. They will lose two men. Delta U. has a good chapter here, consisting of nine men. In scholarship they rank above the average and have a good standing in society. In athletics very low; at our field-day only one entry was made by this chapter and no prize taken. They are well liked in college. Will lose three men this year. Delta Tau Delta is not as strong as one year ago. They lost three men by graduation and one of their best men had to leave on account of poor health. They number six; in athletics low; in scholarship low; in fact the life of the chapter is centered in one man. Phi Gamma Delta is too young to be commented upon. Beta of Beta Theta Pi in scholarship is on a level with Delta U., in athletics next to Alpha Delta Phi, in society an average place. Beta numbers twelve men and will lose two by graduation next June. All of the chapters here rent rooms for chapter halls and meet weekly, except Phi Gamma Delta. Adelbert at present has chapters enough and may not need any more for one-half a century.

H. B. Herrick, Cor. Sec.

WOOSTER.

Wooster begins her second term under the most favorable circumstances. Our college president has met with very gratifying success in raising the \$25,000, necessary to endow the new professorship in the natural sciences and the chair will probably be filled by the end of the year. There is a slight increase in the number of new students and the boys are all on the watch for "spikeable" material. Prof. James Wallace, the efficient head of the preparatory department, has been elected to the professorship in MacAllister College, Minn., made vacant by the death of Dr. McFetridge, and it is expected will assume his new duties sometime during this term. President Scovel has been very successful in raising money this year and we hope that we shall soon see our new wings beginning to sprout.

Since submitting her opening letter, Alpha Lambda has run a career of prosperity and success. On the evening of November 13th we initiated Will Chamberlain, '90, of Leetonia, O. The fight over brother Chamberlain was probably the most exciting of the year in Wooster fraternity circles. The Sigs, heretofore our strongest rivals, were the only chapter not interested in his decision. We have also

pledged in '91 two of her best men, Irwin M. Dunlap, of Greenfield, O., and Harry Geyer, of Zanesville, O. This secures us a representative in the coming Freshman class, and obviates what was one of our greatest difficulties at the beginning of last term. Geyer was bid by Phi Gamma Delta. The preliminary contest in oratory is to be held soon and Alpha Lambda will be represented by F. E. Bradshaw and E. P. Dunlap, A. B. Dunlap is president of the oratorical association and also editor-in-chief of the *Wooster Collegian*.

Brother Greer, '86, of Delaware and later, DePauw, spent an evening with us last term, and we hope carried away pleasant recollections of Wooster. The chapter would enjoy more such visits except that we should like the brethren to stay a little longer. Brother Cal. Hanna, general secretary, made us a flying visit just at the end of last term, but the chapter would like to see more of its distinguished alumnus. Brother Dick Moore, '85, made us a most enjoyable visit on the occasion of Chamberlain's initiation. We note with pleasure that brother Moore has been retained as teacher in the Columbus high schools, a position which he temporarily assumed last term. We now number thirteen active members and three pledged men, and wish to all the sister chapters the same prosperity which has attended us.

D. S. Myers, Asst. Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND.

It is a pleasure for Alpha Kappa, after her fall campaign, to again send forth tidings of prosperity and success. Her hindrance by other fraternities was slight and she succeeded in every instance in capturing the desired man. The session of the college opened most promisingly, but fraternity material was less than was expected. In fact fraternity men are very scarce this year, there being only about thirty out of one hundred and fifty students, thereby showing how much honor it is to belong to a "frat." at this place. Our new professor of English, the Rev. John Pollard, D. D., is proving himself a most excellent professor, well sustaining the reputation he so richly deserves. Our campaign resulted in the initiation of four good men—J. S. Sowers, W. B. McGarity, E. B. Kinney and J. M. Wilbur. We did not lose a man, but succeeded in getting some who had been asked by other fraternities. We now number ten, being two more than any other fraternity here. The Kappa Alpha (So.) are our chief rivals, both numerically and in quality. The pick at college has about been made and it is doubtful whether there will be other initiates soon.

Brother Harris is president of the athletic association and Roy vice-president of the tennis club. The annual public debate of the Philologist Society occurred on Friday night, December 17th, and proved to be quite a brilliant affair. Only two fraternity men were represented on the stage and the writer had the honor to preside on that occasion. The writer had a most delightful trip, a few weeks ago, to the University of Virginia, and met with two enthusiastic Betas, who are the only representatives now at the institution. They take great interest in the fraternity, and I think new life will be aroused, although they are beset

with many difficulties. There is much sociability between the Xi chapter at Randolph-Macon and ours this session, which adds much to the keeping up of the Beta spirit. Our chapter received an invitation some time ago to the marriage of brother "Jeff." Settle, an old alumnus, who succeeded in capturing a most accomplished Beta girl. We extend him our happy congratulations. Our *fratres in urbe* meet with us often, showing no lack of fraternity spirit. We hope to report in our next letter our continued prosperity.

C. D. Roy, Cor. Ed.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Since the last issue of the magazine four "barbs." have been instructed in the mysteries of Wooglin and his dorg, Messrs. Shields, Kinney, Medill and Ongare. Shields is a Senior, Kinney a Sophomore and Medill and Ongare preparatory students. We all feel very hopeful of Gamma's future. While she may have seen better days, she is not by any means seeing her worst. We rely not in numbers but in union. With only eleven men we have no factions or intestine rivalries, which evil some of our sister fraternities, how much so ever they may desire to hush it up, can not conceal. Aside from the initiations referred to nothing of special import has happened to the chapter this quarter. We are not at all backwards in taking our share of college honors. Brother James D. Jack was elected by the class of '88 one of the staff of editors whose duty it is to prepare the college annual, the *Pandora*. And the editors in solemn conclave decided that the best thing they could do would be to elect brother Jack editor-in-chief, which sensible act they performed. In class-rank some of our men stand high, and all quite fairly. As to our rivals they have been as busy as ever, but as they have not trespassed on us we can forgive them. We are satisfied with a comparatively small number of men. The policy of Gamma always has been conservative and we prefer that it may so remain.

Rush T. Jones, Cor. Sec.

ST. LAWRENCE.

For several years past the College of Letters and Science of St. Lawrence University has been laboring under the serious disadvantage of a very inadequate endowment. Notwithstanding this unfortunate circumstance every effort has been made to secure the best possible men for its faculty and to place in the way of its students every advantage offered by other better endowed institutions. As a natural result of this liberal policy we find graduates of St. Lawrence taking prominent positions in all the learned professions; but each year the treasurer of the university has had to report a large deficit, which has always been made up by sacrifices on the part of friends closely connected with the college. Some two years ago a public subscription paper was started for the purpose of increasing the endowment of the university. But, as is often the case, subscriptions came in slowly and last spring it became obvious that something speedy and effective must be done or St. Lawrence University would have to close its doors.

A public mass meeting was held, which was well attended by our towns-people and the faculty, students and alumni of the college. Earnest speeches were made and rousing college songs were sung; soon the inertia of our citizens vanished, subscriptions began to come in in a most encouraging manner, and it really seemed as if it would take but a short time to raise the amount required; but soon there came a most disastrous lull in the proceedings, the enthusiasm of the people had subsided and then it was that the students of St. Lawrence rose in support of their *alma mater*, and of their own small means pledged what they could for her endowment. The scene that followed can better be imagined than described; it resembled a "pan-hellenic" festival, rather than a mass meeting of the dignified citizens of Canton. Fraternity rivalries and class distinctions were alike forgotten. Greek and barbarian, Senior and Freshman, all united in showing their love and patriotism for old St. Lawrence. Every one shouted, cheered, or sang as they wished, and when the meeting broke up all rejoiced in the firm conviction that St. Lawrence University would not be closed, but that she would soon be placed upon an unembarrassed financial basis.

The good work was zealously continued. Loyal friends agitated the matter and secured subscriptions in all parts of the State, and by the 30th of November last the required amount had been raised.

The 1st of December was set apart by the board of trustees as a day of rejoicing. Long will the festivities of that day be remembered. The students' meeting in the morning; the private reception throughout the day; the mass meeting in the evening; and last, but not least, the students' mammoth bonfire and uproarious celebration until far into the night, will ever be looked upon as among the very happiest incidents in the history of St. Lawrence. This successful completion of the earnest effort to increase the endowment of the college was not brought about without self-sacrificing exertions on the part of her many friends, and at the head of all in zeal and enthusiasm stands brother N. L. Robinson, to whom great honor is due for his able and untiring exertions in behalf of his *alma mater* in the hour of her need.

This has been a very prosperous term for Beta Zeta. We have succeeded in obtaining all the new men that we thought desirable, with one exception, and he bids fair soon to become a loyal Greek of our clan. Our annual reception and ball, held this year as usual upon the Wednesday evening preceding Thanksgiving Day, was in every respect the bright and pleasant affair that it has been in the past. Our initiation banquet was held during the latter part of September. Any remarks in regard to the festivities on that occasion would be out of place, as every true Greek is familiar with them. Our literary work during the past term has been of the same general character as that in the past, and we feel quite confident that it will compare very favorably with that of other chapters.

Charles Averell Rich, Cor. Sec.

NORTHWESTERN.

Our chapter life has been more than usually pleasant during the past three months, and the end of the term finds us hopeful and full of zeal. The fall campaign was long and tedious. The available material in the incoming class was small, and, we are sorry to say, we lost two good men. The result is that we are weak in the Freshman class, as regards numbers, but we are strong in the other classes and have some fine men pledged in the preparatory school. There perhaps never was a stronger spirit of Beta love in the chapter than exists to-day. Though we have met with reverses, we have endeavored to treat our rivals fairly and to be strictly honorable in all our dealings with them. The chapter's prestige in society is as great as, if not greater, than in the past. But we would not have our friends infer that we look only to society for our power. We want social fellows, but above that and above all we want manly, sturdy fellows who have heads as well as hearts. Our rivals, with the exception of Phi Kappa Sigma, are in good condition. The latter is in very critical state, and unless it makes some very great efforts it can not long survive. All our other rivals enjoy great prosperity. There is a feeling of friendliness between all the fraternities, and we still hope it may lead to a pan-hellenic movement before the year closes. It is probable that there will be a chapter of Psi Upsilon established at Northwestern before long. There is strong Psi U. influence in the faculty and town, and enough material in the college to support another good chapter. No one will welcome the new chapter more heartily, if it comes, than Rho chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

The university enjoys continued prosperity. The course is being strengthened, especially in the scientific departments. Our honored president, Dr. Cummings, is untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the university in all its departments. Measures are on foot to obtain a fine observatory and one of the best refracting telescopes. The new School of Pharmacy is in a prosperous condition and its addition was a move in the right direction. Without doubt the name of Northwestern will soon be heard in the land. In 1890, the re-valuation of its property will place it among the six best endowed institutions of the country. Its central position, its solid foundation and its steady growth are indications of the prosperity it is bound soon to enjoy. Parents are already recognizing the folly of sending their sons and daughters to Eastern colleges when the West is offering such fine advantages.

On the evening of December 22nd the chapter enjoyed a rare treat. The chapters at Madison, Beloit and Ann Arbor and the Chicago alumni united with Northwestern chapters to slay an elegant "dorg" at Kinsley's in Chicago. The alumni were represented by graduates from many colleges, and all were enthusiastic. Gen. R. W. Smith, with hair of "silver grey," enjoyed singing "Gemma Nostra" as much as the freshest Sophomores. Frank H. Scott, '76, was toast-master for the evening, and Wooglin's heart was rejoiced by many loyal responses. The occasion was one of the most delightful the chapter has ever enjoyed.

Let me repeat the invitation to all Betas to visit us. Our meetings are on Monday evenings at 8, and our latch-string is always out.

Harvey R. Calkins, Cor. Sec.

OHIO STATE.

It is with a feeling of conscious pride that Theta Beta reviews the work of the last three months. At the time of writing our last letter we were in the midst of the fall campaign, the result of which was the addition to our ranks of Howard Hagler, of '89, and H. D. Bishop, of '90, and the pledging of, as we believe, the best two men in the Senior preparatory class. These were all genuine victories. In fact we have never, save in one case, either pledged or initiated a man without a contest with one or more of our rivals. The close of the term was marked by a bitter struggle between three chapters over one man, a member of the Sophomore class. We are glad to announce that Theta Delta "won the palm;" and soon a new babe will be ushered into the Greek world. Brother Youmans, on account of ill health, will not be in college during the remainder of this year.

We have also well maintained our reputation in the class-room and in society work. Our only successes, however, have not been intellectual, but we have acquitted ourselves equally well both in college politics and college society. Stephens is editor-in-chief of the *Lantern*, and ranking captain of the battalion of cadets. Howard Hagler is also major, and Youmans first lieutenant. Woodworth is one of the debaters for Alcyone anniversary, and Atkins is one of the editors of the *Makio*, the college annual. In this connection we may again refer to our policy in regard to honors. As stated in our last letter, our own principle is the "best man for the office" regardless of fraternity affiliations—unless, of course, some special circumstance should influence our judgment otherwise." In a letter of subsequent date our Phi Delta Theta "cousins" alleged that we had already "fallen from grace," and had combined with the non-frat. element. As to such allegations we simply enter a denial. That non-fraternity men have often seen fit to support some of our members for different positions, is true; but nothing in the nature of a "combination" has ever existed between ourselves and any organized or unorganized body. We are reminded by this criticism of our Phi Delt. friends of Sam Jones' forcible remark, "The dog that's hit is always the dog that yells." We, however, meant no reflection on the policy of any of our rivals, when we stated our own, but if any such reflection followed, it is no fault of ours.

The social side of our nature has, by no means, been forgotten. Early in the term a social scheme which we had long cherished matured in the form of an organization upon which some classical-minded brother bestowed the euphonious title of "symposium." This included not only the "brothers," but also the "sisters," and meetings are held monthly, which are devoted to having a "good time." On the 11th of December we celebrated our first anniversary and held our first symposium. The merriest of Beta songs were sung by joyful voices, and our Beta girls regaled us with music, both vocal and instrumental. Brother Wordworth gave, in well rounded periods, a history of our chapter from the earliest attempts made by its founders even unto the present time; and at the close, the company received refreshments. On the last evening of the term, after examinations were all passed (we hope), our sisters entertained us at the home of one of their number.

The occasion was truly a pleasant one, and at the close our hostess, Miss Youmans, responded to our thanks in a neat little address, and, as a token of the loyalty of the ladies of Theta Delta, presented us with a handsome table. To know that we had such true and enthusiastic friends and allies would have been enough, but, as it was, we were doubly gratified.

At the O. S. U., during the term just passed, hard study was the order of the day. A system of surprise examinations kept every one on the lookout, and very effectually did away with "cramming." In fact not since the founding of the institution has better work been done. All the fraternities represented here, with the exception of Phi Delta Theta, have made some initiations, though not so many as usual. This slowness has been due, not so much to a lack of good fraternity material as the fact that a change in the course has materially reduced the size of the Freshman class. However, several prominent non-fraternity men, who have long stood aloof, have at last yielded to the urgent solicitations of the wary "Greek," and identified themselves with some fraternity. Interest at present centers around the oratorical contest, which is to be held in two weeks, and the orators for the occasion are going around with a preoccupied air and an anxious look. Owing to the illness of the Senior orator, it is not probable that there will be more than four contestants.

We have begun another term in good working order, and with a determination to do honor to ourselves and our fraternity.

G. Glenn Atkins, Cor. Sec.

IOWA STATE.

Since our last letter there have been no changes in the chapter roll, which has now inscribed upon it the names of fourteen active members. Fraternity and school life have been quiet and uneventful during the term just finished. Our meetings have been regular and well attended. E. Frank Brown, '87, has the valedictory oration, and Walter L. Anderson, '89, a declamation on the exhibition program. D. Powell Johnston, Jr., '88, has been absent from school for the past two months on a tour through New Mexico and California. He will be with us again next term. Brod B. Davis, '89, was forced to leave school a few weeks ago on account of a severe fall in the gymnasium. From latest reports, he also will be with us at the beginning of next term. Alpha Beta has been favored with the presence of Douglas E. Hamilton, of the University of Kansas chapter, at several of our meetings. Charles M. Porter, '86, and A. Shell Burrows, '86, spent the holidays in Iowa City.

Within the last two months the university has gained one fraternity and lost one. Tau chapter of Delta Gamma, a ladies' fraternity, made her debut this term and will prove a strong rival to Kappa Kappa Gamma and I. C. The Sigma Chi chapter has sent back its charter. It had at the time ten men and was not as weak as it was a year ago. The reason assigned is inability to cope with the stronger fraternities, to which may be added internal dissension. The Iowa State University

has an increased attendance in all departments. The museum, which is still in its first year, promises to be one of the best in the country in zoology, botany and geology. Many of the recitation rooms have been freshened up with new paper and paint so as to make them quite presentable, if not attractive.

Marvin H. Dey, Cor. Sec.

THE GREEK PRESS.

More than ever before within recent memory, the fraternity journals devote themselves this year to their own affairs, striving to be representative organs rather than copying processes, or repositories of their editors' whims and fancies. This change certainly means progress, and although the magazines lose much of their interest to those without the pale, they distinctly gain in usefulness and real merit. For this reason we find comparatively little of concern to us in the exchanges, and as our sole object in reviewing them is to cull from them such matter as has this quality of value, it therefore results that in most cases there is little to remark upon or quote. In some instances we have almost or quite passed over certain magazines whose contents are really excellent, especially in the important features of chapter letters, personals and editorial comments on fraternity policy and events; and if we have made small mention of them it is not because we think them lacking in absolute merit, but simply in relative interest to us.

And in this regard we rise to remark that the exchange reviews are chiefly superfluous, and in many instances wholly perfunctory. The exchange editor very rarely recognizes his proper calling, which consists merely of touching upon such topics in the other fraternity journals as are of concern to his own fraternity. This limitation seems simple enough; but how very few ever come to know it and act upon it? As a critic of other journals and fraternities he is of the least value and influence, since he knows but little of them and commonly knows that little wrong. A critic, too, can never teach an editor anything; he can only prick and sting at the best, and goad his subject into slashing or venomous retorts that may hurt, and also do nobody any good. Even a poor editor may be a hard fighter, if he cares enough for anybody even to quarrel with him. And an editor, although he may not do his work well—how well the critics themselves always differ largely—certainly knows what he wants and how to do it better than his critic, and always does the best he can, even if *his* best is not *the* best. It

also stands to reason, especially in managing a fraternity or magazine, that the man who knows his own business best ought to be able to attend to it best—and we think he does. The older we grow, just as swiftly and all the more fully do we realize that it will about absorb all a man's energies to conduct his own affairs to suit himself, much less his critics, in matters even of which he has perfect knowledge and exclusive control. How much more, then, should he not have the charity, the restraint, the prudence to desist from laying hold of the business of others, about which he is most apt to know and to say nothing of consequence? A fraternity editor, especially, is, after all, only an appointee to perform certain journalistic services for his own order and none other. And why should he not, therefore, naturally devote his entire efforts to the sole end of the making and managing of a magazine that shall be representative of his fraternity's interests, like—we modestly assert this to save others the time and kindness—like, we repeat, THE BETA THETA PI!

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for last October, while similar in most respects to its aristocratic, if somewhat "sawdusty," predecessors, is distinctive in containing nothing written either by or about Mr. Julian Hawthorne; and in not numbering its advertising pages as a part of the regular magazine—an ambitious freak more singular than effective. The omission of these two peculiar features of late note does not greatly diminish, however, the interest of the contents of the magazine, although by the latter one it misses equaling the size of THE BETA THETA PI by a paltry couple of pages or so. But that counts for little with this prince of magazines and good fellows, who surpasses all the rest in one notable feature of supplying a fine steel engraving as a frontispiece to each number. The subject of illustration this time is a reproduction in reduced fac-simile of a sample of the faded and quaint original minutes, date of the year 1779, of the Phi Beta Kappa society, an account of which, by John Dewitt Warner, appears later on under the title of "The First Greek-Letter Fraternity." Mr. Warner's researches have been successful in disclosing the origin and development of this ancient fraternity, by a discovery and investigation of its original records. He shows that this distinguished order was founded in the University of Virginia during the winter of 1776-77, and that, after a prosperous existence of several years as a local literary and social organization, it first established branch chapters in 1779 and 1780, among which offspring, from charters granted in 1779 to Elisha Parmele, were the Harvard and Yale chapters, established in September, 1781, and

November, 1780, respectively. Through the closing of most of the Southern colleges during the latter part of the Revolutionary War, the original stock and branches of the order completely died out, and it was left for the far-off New England shoots, one of which was not founded until after the death of the mother chapter, to propagate Phi Beta Kappa as we now know it, down through a history involving many changes from its original purpose and character.

The magazine opens with a finely written paper by Prof. Charlton T. Lewis, Yale, '53, on "The Ideal of the Greek-Letter Fraternity," in which the writer discourses with much force and elegance on a well-worn subject. The words in which he sets forth his theme will sound remarkably familiar to Betas, who might almost believe Mr. Lewis to be one of us both in spirit and in vows :

"This ideal may be defined by those characteristics : first, it is a voluntary and permanent association of young men, selected for their character and ability among those who are acquiring a liberal education in many colleges. Second, its purpose is mutual aid in social and intellectual culture, in the widest sense. Finally, it has for its name the initials of a Greek motto—the name given out to the world as a symbol of its general nature, the motto reserved as a secret of the brotherhood."

We can give only one other extract from this admirable paper:

"The distinguishing idea of the higher education is that man is something more than his work; that culture is something more than dexterity; character better than efficiency; that the education which develops all the faculties and builds up to completeness a manly mind and heart, does better service to its subject and to the world than the most effective training in the production or accumulation of wealth. The ideal Greek-letter society is an expression of this thought. * * * Culture in its best and broadest sense will then be the object of the association. Its intellectual activity will then supplement that of the lecture-room by developing, expanding, and applying the truth there mastered, and illustrating it from the living subjects of the day; while the social nature will not merely find a satisfaction for which the organization of the college can make no provision, but will double the value of its studies by surrounding them with grace, refinement, and enthusiasm. In this society each member is stimulated to his best in work or play; in debate or conversation; in manner and bearing, as well as in serious thought; for here a man is simply himself and his merits make his position, his influence and his pleasure."

A pertinent editorial tells how to build a chapter-house: *First, start a fund*, and the rest will follow in time. Buy a lot when you can, and when you build, put up a house that can be at once occupied and gradually finished and filled out later in desired detail. The reviews take for their subjects "Greek Student Annuals, 1885-86," and late works by D. K. E. authors.

There is one special feature which the *D. K. E. Quarterly* never omits or varies, and that is its mosaic of statistics in chapter letters-

Nor do these statistics ever fail to prove—to the D. K. E. writer—the constant eminence of that fraternity as compared with its paltry rivals. But, although figures may never lie, perhaps, they are certainly splendid things to lie with; and the audacious unfairness of the D. K. E. arithmetic has been so often exposed that renewed complaint sounds almost as “chestnutty” as the subject of reflection. That the statistics are notoriously unjust and incorrect is well known to everybody, including most of the Dekes themselves; and we hope that no Beta or other will be deluded or dismayed by the suppositious array of honors and prizes taken. We gracefully and kindly concede that D. K. E. contains many clever young gentlemen; but it is no less a truism than a charity to say that they do not monopolize all the laurel wreaths of college life. The most flagrant fallacies of these claimants may be arranged under three heads: 1st, they often do not take the even number of years of existence with certain rivals, and in their tables include honors and prizes gained during an earlier era of non-competition; 2nd, they often omit mention of prizes of a particular class in which they did not share; 3rd, they often claim purely regardless of the truth. Investigation of these statistical tables almost always shows some cunning deception or rank wrong, and we have little doubt that in almost every single instance the same imposition of statement could be discovered. We haven’t time to go around correcting all of other peoples’ mistakes, but among the several exposes that have come to our knowledge we will cite one special case which may be taken as a good type of the rest: The Kenyon correspondent of D. K. E. gives a table of old records (very musty, with “an ancient and a fish-like smell”) showing that out of 15 valedictorians D. K. E. has had 7, and 10 orators out of 35. Now our knowledge of and interest in local chronology is too weak to permit us to go back farther than the establishment of the chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Kenyon in 1879. Since that time, of first and second places, Beta Theta Pi has had five honor men, two first and three second; D. K. E. but two, of whom one was first; Delta Tau Delta is the same; and Alpha Delta Phi and Psi U. one first each. In 1879 and 1881 no honors were awarded, although the first man in ’79 was a Beta; and a non-frat. took the remaining honor. In 1884, the first five men in the class were Betas, all that were Seniors, and in the same year 11 out 16 athletic prizes came to the same quarter. In respect to Kenyon-Day orators during this time, out of 17 in all, Alpha Delta Phi had 5, Beta Theta Pi, 4; D. K. E., 3; Psi U., 3, and Delta Tau Delta, 2. In athletics Beta Theta Pi has made a brilliant record, although D. K. E. maintains a small lead in totals, owing to our chapter’s late beginning

and present misfortunes. The D. K. E. figures as given require some revision in our favor, however. The Alpha Delta Phi chapter is a weak third and the others were distanced. Kenyon is not the only institution, as we have hinted, whose statistics we discredit; and we particularly hold in mind a certain other where the D. K. E. chapter had the egotism to publish a "college" annual all for themselves and the effrontery to insert in it a manufactured table of honors and prizes that made them odious to the whole of their fellows. It is perhaps a tribute to somebody that the disastrous experiment was not repeated.

The Chi Psi *Purple and Gold* for November appears in full dress, as usual, and is very artistic and dainty of garb. It is, perhaps, the *edition de luxe* of fraternity magazines, but we can not confidently recommend it as a classic, despite its fair dress. It has for a frontispiece a fine engraving of some Chi Psi heraldry, and as for contents, presents some rather tame articles perhaps of interest and value to its own order. There is one somewhat more virile contribution than usual, however, discussing the matter of "society and fraternity," and insisting rightly and strongly on the difference in meaning of the two words and organisms. The writer argues that the characteristics of a true fraternity are Secrecy, Unity, Fellowship, and Partisanship; and that Loyalty of Alumni is the index to the purpose, the strength and the worth of a fraternity. These principles represent much that is true and commendable; but we do not think we would not feel so deeply shocked as the writer at seeing a Beta playing billiards with a rival—although we perhaps might draw the line at pool for drinks. Is the most clannish fraternity the most successful the world over?

The new editor of the *Purple and Gold* sets out to be very conservative, and recks not at all how another fraternity is faring; hence he will give no place in his magazine to "Greek notes" and kindred departments, except when courtesy demands recognition of others. He even wishes his magazine could be secret. The Michigan chapter has bought a lot for \$4,000, and the erection of the finest chapter-house in all the world is the final goal. The disappearance of Alpha Tau Omega is noted at Stevens.

The Chi Phi Quarterly now follows very pertinently with an article on fraternity "Exclusiveness," which decidedly combats the Chi Psi idea. As this is a rather vital topic, we continue the discussion by a few extracts:

"Necessarily the most exclusiveness would be found in an institution situated in a small town without a common dormitory. The most perfect phase is, of course,

found in the club-house system, which tends to exclusiveness in its strongest form by combinations. It means the determination to put in "our fellows" at any risk. It means the subservience of honor, truth and worth to ambition, to falsehoods and to pretty man-serving. These plots can be consummated only by means of the close and secret clannishness of over-exclusive fraternity life. Far be it from the writer to deprecate the pleasures of the secret lodge-room, the sharing of a joke, jest or misfortune, the confidences of youth in both pleasure and distress; but he only laments the fact that the amenities can not be too freely indulged in without producing the evils mentioned. The popular man in college and the man who brings indubitable credit both to himself and his organization, is the one who never forgets that all are sons of Adam and Eve. Yet in such indiscriminate associations one should never forget the inner ties which connect him with an organization whose life was begun in a lodge-room, and whose continuance properly belongs there. In conclusion I would say that the wisest man is he who seeks the golden mean, inclining neither to such exclusive fellowships as will beget conceit and narrow-mindedness, nor yet to such general fellowship as will draw him away from the men with whom he has cast his lot."

There is little that is striking but much that is practical in the *Quarterly*, and it admirably serves its modest purpose as a fraternity organ, a just and true sphere of usefulness too infrequently attained in fraternity journalism. The exchange department is amiable in its tone, but perhaps a little dull. The magazine will hereafter be edited and published in New York, and the retiring editor ingenuously unbosoms himself thusly in his farewell :

"The merciful cloak of obscurity is about to be cast about him, and therewith he retires from his unwonted eminence. No more shall visions of unpaid subscriptions, of economical plans, of returned "trial" copies haunt his slumbers; no more shall the sarcasm of the exchanges wither his proud aspirations; no more shall he be bowed down by the writer whose words and proper names were so mangled by the printer.

"Yet the life of a great man has its amenities. Some subscriptions are paid; some writers overlook blunders resulting from their own chirography; and with pleasure be it said, there are to be found men who sometimes in a letter give one a slap on the back, a handgrasp or a "Good, old fellow!"

The exchange department alludes thus to a copy of the plethoric but padded *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* :

"It contains 112 pages, a large number of which are taken up with productions that might just as well have been omitted. These might have done credit to the college journal (although some of them are weak even from a literary point of view), but they are totally out of place in a fraternity journal."

There, now !

The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has appeared in undiminished vigor and numbers, four issues, from October to January, having appeared.

The December number contains a lithograph portrait of some distinguished but deceased Phi Delta, accompanied by a long biography of him. An editorial on "The Development of a National Fraternity" notes some limitations:

"We must not enter a college where the chapters are merely clubs, having no tie to the fraternity at large. Such are Yale and Harvard, the possession of which on the chapter-roll may charm the eyes of the new collegian; but experience has shown that a fraternity can ill afford to indulge in that sort of glory which is apt to please the average Freshman."

The general excellence and practical merits of the *Scroll* are marred by a wanton review of other fraternity journals in the January number, in which the old spirit of "liberal conservatism," so long subdued, breaks forth again with hilarious vigor. The exchange editor amuses himself and us trying to understand an editorial in our October number, and with a curious reversal of the usual Phi Delta Theta characteristic of taking jokes for gospel truths, now makes a jest of a serious decree. Proceeding laboriously on his way, he seemingly regards the exchanges as written for his exclusive benefit, and dissects and discusses their contents with grave dullness. With a quality of taste almost incredible, he even reproduces some misprints and grammatical slips from somebody he dislikes, and also ties himself up in a hard knot trying to straighten out a tangle of quoted matter about the Phi Delta Theta song-book reviewed in our October number. We leave the inviting retorts to the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* and the *Sigma Chi*.

The Sigma Chi exhibits the same keen and accomplished editorship as of yore—a tribute to the advantage of permanency in this position, when its occupant is a good man. Not only can an experienced editor do better work for himself, but he can also bring greater credit to his magazine and fraternity; so successfully so, that the former may even display a higher degree of excellence and merit than is really typical of the latter. Thus an editor, or any leader, while in reality but an ideal, may seem to be an incarnation of his cause; and by those without, the solitary ideal is accepted as the apparent incarnation. The October issue of *The Sigma Chi* is a convention number, containing the address and the poem. From the former we quote a fraternity characterization which is ingenious and perhaps witty:

"The differences between college fraternities are, in many respects, similar to those which divide the ecclesiastical world. While the Eastern fraternities may in general, as we have seen, be likened to the Universalists [the straggling union of the many in the hope that good may come to each, and their largely taking the form of mere literary societies], the Western fraternities may be aptly compared with other

religious denominations. For example : the Beta Theta Pi might be designated as the Catholics of the fraternity world, believing implicitly in the infallibility of Wooglin, and contending that their fraternity is the only true one, and all the rest doomed to disappointment. The Phi Delta Theta would be the Methodists, who have only to be converted and induced to join and they are *safe within the fold*. It is needless to say that this conversion is often attended with much excitement. Likewise, the Phi Gamma Delta might be called the Baptists, holding that when once a neophyte is entirely *immersed* into their society, his future happiness is assured irrespective of any after works of his own. As the Lutherans rejoice over Martin Luther and claim him wholly as their one great representative, so does Phi Kappa Psi loudly rejoice over a few celebrities among their number and proclaim them to the world as the incarnation of all excellence. The Delta Tau Delta, simple, childlike, and inoffensive, are the Quakers; and perhaps the Sigma Chi would be the Calvinistic Presbyterians, who, exclusive and reserved, believe in the predestination and foreordination of the accepted few."

A narrative of college life entitled "The Collegiate", fills a quantity of very readable space, and is generally entertaining despite some unnecessary vulgarisms. Among the chapter letters, the death of Alpha Tau Omega at Washington and Lee is recorded.

The December *Sigma Chi* contains little of note save a lugubrious poem entitled "Reflections on Seeing a Coffin-lid Used as a Banqueting Board," which only makes us regret that the writer was not buried with his verses under the coffin-board. So gruesome and yet so richly humorous a poem has not appeared for this long time anywhere, not even among prize and convention poems. A review of fraternity journals serves the editor to make a lavish display of his ignorance and impudence concerning the business and workings of other fraternities. He differs from the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* man in that he seems to think, not that the exchanges are written for his benefit, but that he must write for theirs. If he could only learn how much easier it is to be smart than sharp, and witty than wise, perhaps he might become sharper and wiser. If he wants a topic of vital interest, we would commend to him an inquiry into this matter—Who are "Sigs?" The only original brand is probably Sigma Chi; but already the Sigma Nu and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon are infringing on the old trade-mark until presently, if the ancient heraldry is not preserved and protected, it will be all slatted with bars sinister.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, after the characteristic manner of its diction, might well be termed "a rattler—and don't you forget it!" It is still published (monthly) by the chapter at Lawrence, Kansas, and the breath of the blizzard and the howl of the coyote still animate its rampant pages. In the October number there is a breezy exposure of

fraternity hypocrisy in the matter of combinations. From the "aggressive virtue" of the virtue of the writer in denouncing them we should suspect he had been the victim of them. Then follow a few keen words that have a clear ring of frank sincerity if not of merit:

"At times combinations are of almost inestimable value promoting good feeling and supporting the best men. Again, they are nuisances, bringing dishonor to the college men who enter into them. Like the fraternities themselves they partake of the nature of those who form them. On the whole they are among the necessary evils that flesh is heir to, and should only be made with decent men and for honest purposes. Never combine with the scum and scrubs of your school; better be defeated by manly gentlemen. Never break your word when given. Do not lie—the liar is the meanest of men. But for the honor of your beloved fraternity, brethren, do not form combinations and then go about like canting hypocrites thanking the Lord you are not as other fraternity men. For the love of decency and manliness let us hear no more of anti-combination laws, but rather let us teach that combinations be made only with respectable chapters, and that he who breaks his word is no better than the Ananias of the school, as the chapter that follows him is the Alpha chapter of the Ananias fraternity."

The Shield for January has an editorial moralizing upon Eastern and Western fraternities and colleges, that is almost a reproduction in character and treatment of them of a homily on this subject presented in a number of the *BETA THETA PI* a volume or two back. It still reads well, and is just as good and true as it ever was. This is not the editor's "first appearance," however, as an "assimilator;" but as he will soon desist from his labors, we shall not mention his name. Those who are curious or interested may consult a current number of his magazine, and they will know him "by his style." His vivacity can sometimes ferment into venom, however, and we are given a hint that it is not always as fully admired by others as it is by himself. Would you like to hear the rabid vagrant of the prairies utter a wild wail?

"There are those whose benison would wither a cactus, whose benediction would shrivel a sand-dune. Like the geese of Rome, their ominous cackle forbodes ruin [?] to their friends. With brazen assurance they consider themselves the Heaven elected critics of those around them. If an ordinary citizen happens to differ from them in opinion they cry out in a loud voice against those who rail on the Lord's anointed. Fool friends, they become assistant enemies, and are the troublesome camp-followers always and everywhere. As we can not please everybody we shall make no attempt to adapt ourselves to the vagaries of this class. If they are not pleased with our humble efforts, we are at least comforted by the assured belief that we don't care a tinker's malediction for their opinion. Their good wishes would be as deadly as the Sirocco to the palm, as fatal as salt water to the cedar. If a kind Providence will deliver us from their good-will till a few moons have waxed and waned, we shall plod along serenely confident that we are still the favored child of fortune."

From unofficial but direct sources we learn that *The Shield* will probably be published hereafter in Ohio, and will revert into the hands of its old editor, Mr. Van Cleve, under whose accomplished management it enjoyed its palmy days as a fraternity magazine.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta is a very neatly printed "monthly," capably and temperately edited. The October number contains an account of the late convention at Louisville the last of August. The only matters of note to us was the adoption of a law, to take effect January 1st, 1887, absolutely forbidding the initiation of preparatory students; and also legislation against the practice of "lifting" active or even former members of another fraternity. A report of Michigan alumni narrates the pleasures of a summer resort of Deltas at Traverse Bay, and records the forming of a stock company to purchase some land and build a resort cottage. The enterprise was successfully got under way, and stock and building lots subscribed for. This is another project of the same sort of which our "Wooglin-on-Chautauqua" was the pioneer, although fraternity camping parties, etc., had been in vogue for some time previous to the establishment of the Beta club-house.

The December issue, "No. 2," contains a reprint of the D. K. E. Phi Beta Kappa article, which has served as excellent padding for a number of other fraternity journals. The alumni association matter is wrestled with in a courageous and hopeful editorial, but no fresh suggestions are offered. A review of Delta Tau Delta literature is promised for the next issue. Beta Theta Pi at present seems to prefer *make* its literature in its magazine.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly continues on the even and admirable tenor of its way, and is, as usual, excellent and generous of contents. This magazine is one of the quarterlies issued four times a year, in distinction to tri-yearlies like the D. K. E. affair and others. The October number, as seems the fashion, following the growing custom of summer and fall fraternity conventions, is a convention number. The oration is on "The Nation's Need of Men," insisting upon the scholar, the man of honesty, the man of brains, the man of heart, to come forward and lead in the affairs of the nation. From the "delightful poem," a farrago of genial absurdities and witty parodies, we make a few amusing extracts:

" Shall I adopt the measured tread of solemn, staid pentameter,
Or reel off sleek Bacchaic feet, as blithe as a gasometer,

Or rise to heights of lyric warmth, undreamt by the thermometer?
Tell me, divine Pierian Nine, the proper thing to do!"

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"And the silence of this once famous Nine
Makes me fear they have met with final rout,
Or that maybe the umpire has sold them out."

"I could sing you a song of that priceless pearl,
My veriest, onliest, first-best girl;
Of the red lips' fruitage which no one knows
Save me, and the heart that forever glows
With the warmth that true love provokes;
Of the luminous light of her hazel eyes,
Which are fairer than visions of Paradise,
And the sweet words whispered to me alone,
When the lights are dim, and the rest have gone;
But I won't—before all these folks."

"What is so rare as a day in June?"

"Oh! the merry June has come,
You can hear the June-bug hum
In the air;
He is like he 'used to wuz.'
You would recognize his 'buzz'
Anywhere."

The Delta Upsilon convention was held October 27th, 28th and 29th, with the Madison chapter at Hamilton, N. Y. About one hundred and sixty members were in attendance, and every chapter was represented. Resolutions were adopted absolutely forbidding members of the fraternity to join any college secret organization. A charter was granted to Tufts College, a small institution near Boston in sight of Harvard, which has been petitioning for admittance for four years past. The next convention will be held with the Rutgers chapter, and in 1888 at Cleveland.

Few fraternity men, we guess, would be apt to accuse Delta Upsilon of being sentimental; but the following from the Hamilton chapter letter is quite in the genuine vein. The boys have been out serenading some of the "fem. sem.'s":

"There is a romance in these serenades which the coldest heart must feel. The jovial departure from the college, the grave discussions on the choice of songs, the silent entrance in the yard, the whispered directions of the leader, all sentimentalized by the unspoken fancy in each mind, of the fair ones asleep and dreaming on snowy pillows, and by the expectant hope that they may be pleased with our efforts and return to their snowy pillows to dream of midnight music till breakfast-time—this is the first chapter. Then the burst of music upon the night stillness, the impatient

gaze at the upper story, and soon the gentle hurry of feet, the sound of hushed voices—tremulous with ecstatic delight, we choose to imagine—the delicate applause from dainty hands, the occasional complimentary tokens, and the final 'Good-night, ladies;'—this is the second chapter. The noiseless retreat, the social small-talk of the journey back to the hill, the arrangements of the trophies so as best to serve the double purpose of souvenir and ornament, the retirement to rest and to dream of fluttering whiteness and invisible faces—this completes the tale. He who fails to find pleasure and inspiration in such experiences as these, merits Artemus Ward's characterization as being of a 'lo and grovelin' nacher.'"

The Quarterly happily but innocently again chimes in with us in exposing some of the D. K. E. statistical atrocities, taking for its present text the statement of affairs at Middleburg and Madison, and also pokes a little sly fun at the Harvard chapter of the above fraternity. *The Quarterly* thinks the D. K. E. policy is what is sometimes termed a "bluff" game [explanation in our next], to frighten rivals from making the comparison, which, when made, proves so damaging.

The Quarterly also again announces with an air of decision, and finally, we hope, that our Harvard chapter is dead. It has cost *The Quarterly* much time and varied effort to accomplish its full purpose, but now that it has at last succeeded, in its own gentle mind, in giving its victim a definite quietus, we hope it will at least allow the burial to be private and the obituary left to the charge of the family of the deceased. It really seems harder for Beta Theta Pi to kill its weak chapters than for most other fraternities to keep their good ones alive. But now we perceive an easier and convenient solution of this difficulty of settling them: we shall simply designate some fraternity to each as its special executioner, and in this way our weaklings may be disposed of with neatness and dispatch, and without unpleasant lamentation. The chapter-killer may also have the privilege of preaching as joyful a funeral sermon as he pleases over the remains. If the chapter comes to life again, it may be killed over, if desired. As we have but a few more little creatures in delicate health, and as there are but a few fraternities that can undertake this task without fear of exposure on their own part, it is advised that early application be made for the distribution of favors. Wanted—some Herods!

The Quarterly pertinently asks:

"Why should Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon be allowed longer to monopolize Yale College? While it is unquestionably true that a large proportion of the vast number of men from the Junior class who join the two societies each year care very little about them, still they are, nevertheless, members, and in after years, when fame has spread its mantle over them, these societies will not be at all backward in claiming them as among their shining lights. Thus it is that these two societies, Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon, get from their Yale chapters

where from each class thirty to sixty-five men are initiated, some prominent men who are of use to them, and the others, who take no interest in their welfare at all are useful, at least, in swelling the membership roll. Now, we believe the time has come for other societies to share some of the 'plums' which Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon have been drawing uncontested from the Yale 'pudding' for the last thirty years."

The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly is the latest thing out, indeed, its "October" number appearing after January 1. The magazine has suffered a singular shrinkage in quantity of contents, but its quality is distinctly improved by the omission of all that flimsy "literary matter" which has made it so dull and absurd. There is enough material left of genuine fraternity interest to make an excellent magazine such as it now promises to be. The opening article of the October number is an historical paper on Columbia College, followed by an account of the late convention held at Springfield, O., October 28-30. The subscription price of *The Quarterly* was raised to \$1.50, and made compulsory upon all active members. The establishment of chapters at the University of California, Western Reserve University, and William Jewell College was formally declared. The new song-book was presented in complete shape and accepted with effusion. The fraternity has had more caution or conscience than the Phi Delta Thetas, however, and has not sent it around for review.

A writer proposes the erection of a fraternity hall at Lake Chautauqua, and advises that it be located inside the Assembly Grounds or just outside on the same side of the lake. Noting the existence of the Beta club-house "Wooglin," his idea is to build one "on the same general plan, but a little better in appearance and convenience." The gratuitous inference of this quotation would be that "Wooglin" is a small affair, when every one else who has been there knows that in size it is excelled by only a few of the great summer caravansaries, and in artistic design is certainly superior to all the rest. The Phi Gamma Delta man only betrays his malice or uncouthness, or both, in making such a statement as the above, while he will do better than we have any belief he can do if he ever succeeds in getting anything under way that will be half as excellent and valuable, socially or financially, as "Wooglin." As this writer ingenuously suggests, "It would create a respect for the fraternity among the best class of people, a thing not to be despised."—*Perhaps!*

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm (four-quarterly) varies not an iota, but continues calm and orthodox, with too much charity for all to say

or do anything keen or unkind. We may justly assert that there is no reason to say anything unkind about *The Palm*, for, though not of brilliant quality, this magazine is a tasteful, efficient, and readable fraternity organ. The last thing in the October number—not the best thing, perhaps, but the most amusing—is the rhyming conclusion of an urgent appeal to subscribers to pay up.

“ So up from the sunny Southland, and down from the frigid North,
And in from the far-farmed West-land, let dollars and cents come forth;
Then your B. M. will be quiet about dues that for “ages” (?) have stood,
Or at least he will faithfully try it, which perhaps will be just as good.”

The exchange editor remarks that some of the articles in the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* read like an attempt to cover an allotted amount of space without regard to the thing said! The May number of THE BETA THETA PI was nicely praised. We begin to suspect all editors don't always think alike; and it is perhaps well that they don't.

The December *Palm* opens with a bawl from a yearling for an Alpha Tau Omega banner with which to display her colors. How pretty such a thing would look, to be sure! The exchange editor resents the re-appearance of the dragon on our cover. But as he seems to grow smaller with years, he may in time shrink into nothingness, like the famous woollen undershirt. The Alpha Tau Omega congress convened at Atlanta December 29th.

The Sigma Nu *Delta* is published bi-monthly at Lawrence, Kan., by the Kansas University chapter, and typographically is precisely like the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* and the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, all of them being published by the same printer, but not by the same editors, as one only needs to read to know. The September *Delta* opens with an exquisite poem, “My Bouquet,” by George W. Camp, a teacher in Kansas City. Such fine taste and grace and art as he displays in this and other poems deserve a high tribute to his poetic powers. We quote the first stanza:

“ Who gave it me? There are such forms that dwell
Within the soul, like sea-songs in the shell,
That words, however sweet,
Were fragrantless in whisper but to spell
The music of their feet.”

And concludes with a strain on the “roses and raptures”—of virtue:

“ Then from her pouting lips' encrimsoned crest
A bloom, whose fragrant nature may be guessed,
I passionately stole;
And so I wear the roses on my breast,
The raptures in my soul.”

The Sigma Nu convention met at Lexington, Ky., August 4th and 5th. In the account of the affair the historian strikes an unwonted chord of fraternity modesty in stating that Sigma Nu is not the best, nor even the second best fraternity in the United States. A fraternity that does not claim too much certainly possesses inherent worth. The new editors are equally modest, and simply mean to do the best they can with the brains and means at hand. "Billingsgate" in chapter letters will never see the light in print, and purely literary matter unconnected with fraternity subjects is not desired; but sketches of chapter history, anecdotes of struggles and triumphs, reminiscences, traditions, and chapter and college customs are always of interest. But the great thing is *news*.—We think the *Delta* editors know what they are about, and are beginning new where many old editors leave off.

The November *Delta* contains an account in detail of the convention. Three new chapters have been instituted during the year, at South Carolina College, Missouri, and Vanderbilt Universities. Birmingham, Ala., was chosen as the next place of meeting. The January *Delta* announces the establishment of a new chapter at the Texas University.

The Kappa Sigma Quarterly is published at Wytheville, Va. The October number contains as a frontispiece a handsome heliotype (?) of a handsome man, a biographical sketch of whom follows. A writer in the January number states why young men should join college fraternities—that a man's character and career depend upon his associations, and that he finds the rightful and helpful exclusiveness in companionship in a good fraternity. *The Quarterly* contains a readable department of "Greek Dots" concerning other fraternities, and in its general character and appearance is very creditable, as well as useful to the fraternity which it represents.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is published monthly at Atlanta, Ga., and is of genuine good quality as a fraternity magazine, printed in clear, pleasing style, and edited with unpretentious taste. The new catalogue of the fraternity is under way and was to have been issued by the present time. The December *Record* tells of the laying of a corner-stone of the S. A. E. chapter-house at the University of the South at Suwanee, Tenn., October 23rd, 1886. Delegates of the other fraternities represented at the institution attended the affair. The building is of sandstone, and contains two rooms. *The Record* offers prizes for the best chapter letters, and the returns of the competition

are of a remarkably excellent character. The following from an editorial is pertinent: "Remember that you represent your chapters to the Greek world, and you should do your best for the sake of your chapter, if for no other reason."

The Kappa Alpha Journal is published monthly at Vanderbilt University and is a neatly printed, worthy little magazine. Only the December and January numbers have been received. The latter contains an interesting history of "Fraternalities in the South," showing their rise before the war. The subject will be concluded by a later paper on their later resuscitation. There is so much of interest in the narrative that we give a short summary of it:

Phi Beta Kappa was the first fraternity founded at the University of Virginia in 1776, but the modern growth and character of fraternities did not begin till after the founding of Kappa Alpha (N.) at Union College in 1825. Later, in the same institution, rose Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, and Psi Upsilon. The first branch chapter was that of Sigma Phi, placed in Hamilton College in 1831, following which, one year later, Alpha Delta Phi was born at Hamilton. In 1844 D. K. E. was born at Yale, and established the first Southern chapter at the University of Alabama in 1847, following this up until in 1861, there were eleven D. K. E. chapters in the South. Next came the Rainbow, the first purely Southern fraternity, born at the University of Mississippi in 1848; and in 1848, Alpha Delta Phi entered the University of Alabama. In 1850, Delta Phi placed a chapter in South Carolina College. Then came the Western fraternities, not by long leaps, but gradually crossing the borders southward. Beta Theta Pi was the first, establishing a chapter at Transylvania University, Ky., but soon transferring its charter to Centre College. During the next year, chapters were placed at the University of Virginia, and at Hampden-Sidney College. Next came Phi Delta Theta, at Centre College, Ky., in 1850, and four years later at Kentucky Military Institute. These two chapters were all that this fraternity had in the South until 1869. In 1851, Phi Gamma Delta enters the University of North Carolina, followed in 1852 by Beta Theta Pi, D. K. E. having entered in 1850. Delta Psi then entered Randolph-Macon in 1853, and Phi Kappa Psi, only a yearling, came to the University of Virginia. Theta Delta Chi, also founded at Union, also came South in 1853, and took in William and Mary College. In 1855, Chi Psi and Delta Phi entered the goodly land, at the University of North Carolina. In 1856, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was born at the University of Alabama. In 1858, Zeta Psi first went South, to the

University of North Carolina. In 1859, Sigma Chi, founded in 1855, entered the University of Virginia. Several purely Southern fraternities were also founded that were completely exterminated by the war: a Southern Chi Phi, in 1858; Phi Mu Omicron, in 1858; an original Kappa Alpha Southern in 1859, of which the present Kappa Alpha is not a successor except in name; and Sigma Alpha. The Kappa Alpha had at one time as many as six chapters, which have been completely merged in the inane of fraternity lore.

We have also received copies of the young ladies' magazines, the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, a quarterly published by the Buchtel College chapter, and the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, published at Lawrence, Kan., by the Kansas State University chapter. But the dearest of them all, that scintillating meteor of brilliance and wit, the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Golden Key*, has faded from our longing gaze. After a final coruscation of tingling sparks, the editress, Miss Taylor, has ceased to navigate the starry realms of the journalistic galaxy, and, as we learn with pain, has settled down in the earthly paradise of a little Indiana town. We have no consolation to offer her, and do not think she would accept it if we had any, even if she cared for it or thought she needed it. For now her joy is calm, after her mazy flights of rhetoric, and she dreams her life away in gentle suspirations; and with her white fingers—ah! pretty hands!—purged of the ink and the acid that have stained their fairness, she gaily thrums her guitar, and with cadence of chords and a bar again assumes her winsome role of troubadour, softly singing fond lyrics and fair lays, herself both her lover and her sweetheart. And like the echo of some far-off strain, from time when love was sweet and hope not vain, there comes an echo of rhyme, of one who

"Croons so soft that mine eyes are wet
With the vanished tears of an old regret;
And I love [her] the dearest of all things yet,
When [she] jangles [her] silver harp."

But just at the last moment, *The Key* of the new volume has arrived, and although doffing its "golden" cognomen on its cover and title page, seems no less worthy of it as regards quality and appearance. It is now edited and published by the chapter at Boston University, who show much editorial skill and taste, and present a handsome and readable magazine. The last Kappa Kappa Gamma convention was held at Akron, O., August 26th, 27th and 28th. The charter of the chapter at California State University was returned.

THE BETAS.

MIAMI.

JOHN I. COVINGTON, '70, has removed to New York City, where he is now connected with the American Cotton-Oil Trust at No. 18 Broadway. The Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* remarked of his removal with regret, in a complimentary notice, an abridgment of which here appears:

"Mr. John I. Covington, who has been identified with the insurance interest of this city for nearly twenty years past, has removed to New York City to take the position of manager of the Insurance Department of the American Cotton-Oil Trust. He was for some time Secretary of the Globe Insurance Company, and left that position to take charge of the Insurance Adjustment Company. While in this position he settled losses in almost every State in the Union, representing, at various times, over four hundred insurance companies, adjusting over five thousand losses in nearly five hundred different locations, the insurance involved being over nine and a quarter millions of dollars, and the losses awarded reaching over \$4,000,000. For nearly three years past he has been secretary and manager of the Equitable Accident Insurance Company of this city, which has succeeded in securing a valuable business and the confidence of the public. Mr. Covington takes with him to his new home, where he has many business acquaintances, the esteem and well wishes of all who have known him here in business and social circles. Before Mr. Covington left for New York the clerks in the Equitable Accident Insurance Company presented to him a costly gold watch in token of their esteem of him as an officer, gentleman and scholar."

BELOIT.

THE alumni who attended the commencement exercises were as follows: H. F. WRIGHT, '66, railway paymaster, Lacrosse, Wis.; CHAS. A. WORKS, '73, state's attorney, Chicago, Ill.; DR. A. B. MANLEY, '74, Shopien, Wis.; BOOTH M. MALONE, '77, state's attorney of Rock county, Wis.

BROTHER MALONE takes a live interest in the Chi chapter and often comes in to give the boys an encouraging word and hearty hand-shake.

L. H. PERKINS, '77, is practicing law in Lawrence, Kansas.

REV. LUMAN A. PETTIBONE, of Burlington, Wis., has received a call to become financial agent of Beloit college, a position which he will ably fill.

C. C. MERRIMAN, '78, met with a sad accident just at Commencement time. His objections to the plundering of his home by three robbers, on the night of June 27th, were met by a bullet which one of the cowardly villains fired into his neck before they escaped. For a time there were great fears for his recovery, but, thanks to a strong constitution, he is again restored to health and to attend to his duties as principal of the Beloit high school.

STEPHEN MARTINDALE, '80, has finished a law course at the Wisconsin University, where he carried off first honors. He is practicing at Lacrosse, Wis.

PROF. ROLLIN D. SAULSBURY, '81, expects to leave Beloit soon to take a course of advanced study.

ROGER LEAVITT, '82, was married last fall. He is in the banking business at Grundy Center, Iowa.

F. D. JACKSON, '84, assisted in the Jamesville schools.

H. H. SWAIN has become editor and proprietor of the Beloit *Daily Argus*.

THE six strongest men of the class of '86 were on the Beloit chapter roll.

WAYLAND S. AXTELL has become principal of the Burlington high school.

"HI" DENSMORE, alias "Happy Hiram," performs a like office for the Prairie du Chien school.

O. C. OLDS is instructor in Strait University, New Orleans, La.

FRANK CHASE is principal of Cherry Valley Academy, Cherry Valley, Ills.

J. R. ROBERTSON is in the iron business, 357 Ontario street, Chicago, Ills.

S. R. SLAYMAKER is instructor in Racine College, Racine, Wis.

THERE were also present at Commencement:

H. S. SHEDD, '82, who spent his last two years with Alpha Phi, and BEN. J. BLEASDALE, '87, who has been absent two years.

HORACE S. FISKE, '82, is added to the list of *fratres in urbe* by accepting a position as instructor in the academy. He has lately finished a post-graduate course at Ann Arbor.

H. C. BROWN, '87, is society editor of the Beloit *Daily Argus*.

W. J. BROWN, '87, has not returned this year on account of trouble with his eyes.

WOOSTER.

FRANK G. CARPENTER, '77, "Carp," contributed a gossip article, full of curious information, on "The Presidents as Gastronomers," to Lippincott's Magazine for December.

CENTRE.

CHAS. F. BEACH, JR., '77, of New York, is the editor of a new law publication—"The Railway and Corporation Law Journal"—issued weekly, beginning January 1, 1887, by L. K. Strouse & Co., law publishers, New York. As denoted by its title, the essential feature of this journal will be the publication of the English and American corporation and railway cases. Editorial notes and comments on these specialties of the law also add to the interest and value of the journal.

MICHIGAN.

JOHN S. NEWBERRY, '47, of Detroit, Mich., a charter and loyal member of Lambda chapter, died January 2, 1887, in his sixty-first year. He was valedictorian of the class of 1847, and was a member of many Michigan companies. He left an estate valued at \$4,500,000. In 1878 he was elected to Congress, and in 1881 was prominently mentioned for a position in Garfield's cabinet. He had the reputation of being one of the best admiralty lawyers in America. He was a member of the firm of Newberry & McMillan. He left a widow, three sons and a daughter.

DEPAUW.

REV. JOHN JUNIOR HIGHT, D. D., '54, assistant editor of the *Western*

Christian Advocate, died at his late residence, in Cincinnati, December 18, 1886.

"Not much longer than a week before his death he went South on a trip for the benefit of his health, and was stricken down with paralysis. At the time of his death he was surrounded by his wife and daughter and many loving friends in the ministry which he had served so well and faithfully.

"Dr. Hight was a native of Indiana, and was born in the year 1834. He graduated at the Indiana State University in his twentieth year, and immediately entered the ministry. During the war of the rebellion he served faithfully as a chaplain for three years. He was in the midst of the fray at the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, and administered help and consolation to the wounded and dying.

"After the war he returned to Indiana and engaged in the duties of the ministry. He was presiding elder one term in his conference. He occupied the leading pulpits in the district, and in 1875 was called to Cincinnati as the assistant editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, filling that position up to the time of his death.

"He was a man of the most earnest convictions, and was not afraid to declare them in public. He was connected with the Freedmen's Aid Society, and was a member of the G. A. R. He was also a trustee of Indiana Asbury University from 1873.

"As a Christian minister, a law-abiding citizen and a loving parent and devoted husband, he was a shining example, and his untimely taking off will be regretted by the whole community."

NOTE—Owing to the pressure of other matter for this issue, the department of personals has suffered serious eclipse, partly atoned for, we trust, by the liberal instalment in the previous number.

LATER—Just as we go to press we learn of the destruction by fire of the Kansas chapter-hall, resulting in almost complete loss of everything, covered partially by insurance. The Phi Kappa Psi chapter-hall was also burnt out. The losses of both chapters are heavy.

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MYTHICAL AND MYSTICAL MINUTES OF THE DIOGENES CLUB.

[The publication of the minutes of this club was suspended by order of the faculty during a period of several months, owing to the following circumstances. The non-partisan police force of Cincinnati having their attention diverted from politics and being desirous of new things, began to cast about for some occupation; and the chief of police, having accidentally fallen upon a copy of the BETA THETA PI, conceived the idea of exposing what he confidently believed to be the breaking out in a new form of the policy-shop business which it had been the object of the police commissioners for some time to suppress. As a result the doorways and halls of the building in which the club met were daily and nightly thronged by policemen and by detectives in the garb of civilians. A number of well-known citizens, who never heard of the Diogenes Club, were arrested on suspicion. Telegraph boys were waylaid and the contents of private messages were surreptitiously investigated by ambitious detectives, and a posse of eleven policemen, well equipped with clubs and revolvers, made a midnight raid upon a room in the upper part of the building, and found it occupied by an irresponsible medical student with a wet towel around his head, preparing for the next day's quiz in *materia medica*.

During all this time the club had not held a single meeting, and the oppressive stillness which hung over the immediate approaches to the club room and the want of illumination in the windows, together with the wily friendship of the janitor, saved the club an airing in the public prints. The janitor had himself always more than half suspected the club, therefore as the imaginative and imitative son of a doting father, who had for years been the janitor of a neighboring faro room, he felt that he was in duty bound to divert the attention of the police. As soon, therefore, as the building began to be frequented by the officials, and before they had extended their incursions to the top floor, where the club rooms were located, the wily janitor, eager to ingratiate himself into the favor of the club (and thus pave the way for collecting his last six months' fees), transferred the card "For Rent" from the medical student's door (the medical student was a tenant by the courtesy of the landlord, only until one who could pay his rent might be secured) to the door of the Diogenes Club, and with a piece of chalk and painstaking but inartistic labor, inscribed upon the door of the medical student "D. C." Then followed the midnight visit above narrated, as a result of which the medical student passed the remainder of the night in durance vile, and on the following day was found guilty of petit larceny by the judge of the police court, but escaped a sentence to the workhouse by the timely interference of the authorities of the medical college.

The whole matter was related by the janitor to a prominent member of the club, who voluntarily paid the adroit African seventy-five cents on account and took his receipt therefor, and duly presented the same to the club for reimbursement at its next meeting. A vote of thanks for this prompt and generous act was passed by the club, but as there was nothing in the by-laws or in the treasury making necessary any pecuniary reimbursement for such outlays, the club declined to pay. As the unfortunate member failed after successive efforts to get the money back from the janitor, it is supposed that his hasty and improvident act met with its just reward. It is to be noted that this club has always discountenanced unnecessary expenditures on the part of its members.

As a result of the foregoing, but without any convictions of guilt, and only because of a desire to suppress scandalous or irreverent remarks from an ignorant press and public, the club changed its headquarters after generously compromising the janitor's claims at fifty cents on the dollar, and the place of meeting has since been carefully concealed. The *faculty*, which, it may be said without going too deep

into the esoteric affairs of the club, is the name given to the governing council or board—the club itself being organized on the college plan—the faculty gave explicit orders that thereafter the minutes of the club should not be exposed in print. Out of further precaution this order was afterwards supplemented by instructions to the recording officer not to write out the minutes at all, but to carry them in his head. At the last meeting of the club but one, held under the friendly auspices of a convenient gas lamp, at the confluence of a certain street and an uncertain alley in a sequestered part of the city, it was found that this plan worked great injustice to the affairs of the club, involved the members in unexpected and unnecessary predicaments growing out of unrecorded resolutions, and imposed a severe mental strain upon the recording officer. And it then and there appearing that the late chief of police had died and that the police force was no longer used for non-partisan purposes, it was resolved to relax the severity of the rule and permit minutes thereafter to be recorded. At the last meeting of the club the restrictive measures were altogether repealed, and THE BETA THETA PI was again designated as the official organ of the club.]

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MINUTES.

The permission of the mayor having been duly obtained by forging his signature to the necessary documents, the club met in its new quarters. In the absence of chairs the entire membership took the floor, and the presiding officer, styled Diogenes in the by-laws of the club, was seated by the sergeant-at-arms upon the door-mat. The advent of twins in the janitor's family having been suggested, a record of the same was ordered to be made and spread upon the minutes. The claims of the janitor against the club having under the rules lapsed by the happening of this event, the same were ordered revived—without prejudice. There was some opposition to this action, urged by the editor of THE BETA THETA PI; but it was resolved to be the sense of the meeting that the club should not take advantage of a technical defense or an innocent mistake. Objection was also raised on account of the rules forbidding the reduction of the minutes of the club to writing. Upon motion the rules were suspended, and all limitations upon this subject were repealed. The librarian having risen to a seat upon the window sill, he was forcibly ejected by the sergeant-at-arms, and having fallen upon the pavement below, was carried off by the patrol. The event was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The professor of ancient languages reported the collection of a number of letters from the magazines of several fraternities, and begged leave to read an original form of chapter-letter which he proposed offering as a model for future compositions of the kind. The usual objections having been made and protests recorded, the professor, being a strong man of violent temper, was accorded a hearing. He read as follows:

HALL OF THE — CHAPTER OF THE
ALPHA BETA SKETA FRATERNITY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We opened this year with enthusiasm (for enthusiasm may be substituted "true Greek zeal" or "a small but enthusiastic band of Greeks"). Last year we ran the chapter on the principle of quality, not quantity. (No chestnuts in ours, if you please.) Brother Dyke ran a pin in his finger the other day, and it hurt him very much. None of us subscribe for the magazine this year. Brother Dyke is a candidate for president of the Young Men's Missionary Lyceum. The young ladies of the town entertained the Dry Up fraternity the other night; but we don't care for that. The Dry Up crowd is a set of epidemics that don't know enough to come in out of the rain. We stand head and shoulders above them in everything that goes to make the scholar and the gentleman; but we propose to leave that for somebody else to say. The other fraternities, the non-fraternity men, and almost the whole community, are down on us because we are so popular. Our rivals have succeeded by fair means and foul in getting away with all the honors of the institution; but in our estimation we take the lead, and as long as this opinion prevails among us, we don't care who takes the honors. The 22nd of this month (February) is Washington's birthday, which we will celebrate in an appropriate manner. None of our members are elected to positions on the program, owing to a combination of the Dry Ups against us. The Dry Ups are our only rivals; but we are not afraid of them in the least. Brother Dyke will graduate this year. He is president of our chapter. Our whole chapter is very popular with the faculty. None of us expect to attend the convention this year; but we want it understood that we oppose any action against weak chapters. We also favor initiating preps. Brother Dyke and I are the only members of the chapter at present. I am a senior prep. With greetings to all brother Greeks. In the bonds of faith, hope and charity,

Truly yours,

Imperator.

P. S. Brother Dyke looks splendid in his new pants.

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The professor of modern languages suggested that this letter was not up to the standard of the modern chapter letters, and thought that its author must have drawn his materials from some of the ancient

classics. He referred with commendation to the excellent tone of almost all the chapter letters of the present day as published in the magazines of the several fraternities, and to the very considerable amount of information and entertainment derived from them. Many of them, he declared, show anything but a purile and illiberal spirit, and in many instances the affairs of the institution from which these letters come, as well as of the fraternity, are presented in an interesting and instructive manner. Other fraternities are referred to with courtesy, and a genuine pan-hellenic spirit is displayed in many of these contributions to fraternity literature. He instanced one letter in the last issue of the *Sigma Chi* in which the fact that a member of Beta Theta Pi had taken first honors in the local oratorical contest and second honors at the state contest was referred to as a matter of pride to their institution, and apparently as much so to the Sigma Chis as if one of their own members had been the subject of the eulogy. In another letter in the same magazine the prospect of the establishment of a chapter of the same rival fraternity in an institution in which it had not heretofore existed, was hailed with unaffected pleasure, as one good fellow who is fond of good society hails the coming of a congenial associate. Nothing better illustrated the growth and development of college fraternities than the improvement in the character of chapter letters.

The professor of ancient languages insisted that most of the improvement referred to was more the result of editing than of any real difference in the character of the communications themselves. That these fraternity magazines had fallen into the hands of a set of literary fellows who took a pride in the tone of their publications throughout, and instead of publishing the letters in the original, they cut them and moulded them and dressed them up until the authors themselves would not recognize them. He believed the old letters much better than the improved form, and censured the editors for thus sapping the originality out of these unique epistles. As an instance in which all the originality had not been thus taken out of a letter, the professor read the following excerpt from the same magazine referred to by the professor of modern tongues; though he was satisfied that even here he could detect the interpolations and emendations of the literary editor:

"Most of the chapters have, doubtlessly, seen the false and malicious account of the standing of our chapter, as it appeared in the BETA THETA PI of last issue. We had intended answering it as it deserved, but after mature reflection and many requests, have decided not to." [The professor said that from a careful examination of the

context he was convinced that this last sentence was wholly a fabrication of the editor, and if the truth were known the correspondent *had* answered the account as it deserved; but that the editor had run his gold pen over the manuscript and made it appear that this answer was not deserved. The professor here branched off into a tirade against the quarterly system of publications recently introduced, as permitting contributors to indulge in too much mature reflection and allowing unlimited opportunities for the mails and telegraphs to pour in their protests and requests for moderation upon the part of those who would otherwise have opened the phials of their original wrath and given to the world the bright, sparkling effervescence of an aroused imagination, which would be a grateful contribution to the world's original literature.]

“For the sake of vindication, however, we will give you the following facts. They have ten men in the two literary societies. We have eight. This year *they* have taken four honors, and *we* have taken eleven.” [The professor of mathematics ejaculated that this was a mathematical impossibility. The number of honors and the number of men were improperly distributed, and the apportionment was a patent error. He asked the privilege of demonstrating this by a system of diagrams and blackboard exercises. The privilege was politely refused. The professor of ancient languages stated that his study of the matter satisfied him that the editor was in fault again and had evidently transposed the pronouns “they” and “we” in the last sentence. He proceeded to read.]

“In ‘*society*,’ as they are pleased to call it, we have the presidency of one and the vice-presidency of the other of the only two social organizations at this institution, while not a single Beta belongs to either.” [“Mathematically impossible!” interjected the mathematical professor.] “None but the *very nicest* men belong to either. The rest can easily be inferred. The year being not yet out, but little estimate can be placed on scholarship standing.” [The professor of mathematics asked to amend by excepting the mathematical standing of the writer. The professor of ancient languages suggested the substitution of “editor” for “writer.”]

“We trust this slight statement of facts will eradicate the erroneous impression that may have been formed of our chapter's standing.”

The librarian moved that a special commission be appointed to investigate this subject with power to call for books and papers and to examine witnesses under oath. Referred to the Inter-state Commerce Commission. On motion the club voted to endorse the views of the professor of modern languages.

A communication was read from the New York branch of the club stating that at the late dinner tendered Judge Hoadly, it was intended to give him a boom for the presidency, but the honors of the occasion were carried off by John I. Covington, who sang three verses

of his original song "Carve Dat Canine" with so much feeling that the assemblage was taken by storm. This great hit has brought the name of brother Covington prominently to the front as a presidential possibility, and the New York press is unanimous in urging him to accept the nomination from both parties.

A communication was also read from Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, announcing that brother Seaman had succeeded in destroying the greater part of the buildings on the Chautauqua Assembly grounds, having laid the place waste by fire, thus ensuring the success during the coming season of his rival attraction on the other side of the lake. It was resolved by the club to visit Lake Chautauqua in a body during the next summer's convention and to make headquarters at Wooglin. A telegram of congratulation was forwarded to brother Seaman upon the success of his scheme to kill off other resorts about the lake, and a medal with a dragon rampant upon one side was ordered to be struck off and presented to him. On motion the club ordered their carriages and departed for their suburban-villa residences.

THREE BANQUETS.

NEW ENGLAND BETAS.

"The Seventh Annual *Agony*" of the New England chapters was held at the Parker House, Boston, February 25th, under the auspices of the Upsilon chapter at Boston University. Delegates were present from Maine State, Harvard, Boston, Brown, Amherst, University of California, Northwestern University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Miami University, and Cornell. Over sixty Betas were in attendance. Judge P. Emory Aldrich, of the Massachusetts Superior Court, presided, and the Rev. George A. Crawford, U. S. N., pastor of Temple-street M. E. Church, acted as toast-master. Judge Aldrich was a member of the old Harvard chapter in '44, and Mr. Crawford was one of the charter members of the Boston University chapter. Previous to the banquet an informal reception was held in one of the spacious parlors of the Parker House. As the time for refreshments approached, William M. Warren, chief of the New England district, called the assembly to order for the discussion of a New England Association of Betas. The sentiment of the meeting being in favor of an association,

the chairman appointed a committee to nominate the officers of the association. The committee consisted of George A. Dunn, Boston University, '89; Charles Steere, Brown, '73, and F. J. Belcher, Brown, '88.

At 9.30 P. M. the company assembled in the dining room, and the divine blessing was invoked by Rev. C. B. Elder. For more than one hour the *Δορυ* commanded the undivided attention of the brethren, the courses being interspersed with the singing of fraternity songs, copies of which were printed on card board and presented each guest.

The inner man being satisfied, Mr. W. M. Warren, of Upsilon, called the meeting to order and introduced Judge P. Emory Aldrich as president of the evening. As the judge arose to speak he was greeted with long-continued applause, at the close of which he spoke eloquently of his regard for the fraternity, his interest in its welfare, and the pleasure he had taken in cherishing his fraternity ties. "I owe a great deal to fraternity life," said he, "and I feel sure that before you are of my age you will appreciate the benefits to be derived from such a fraternity as Beta Theta Pi." He described the Harvard chapter in the distant days of '44 when he was a member, and spoke of the later achievements of those who were associated with him in the original chapter. Judge Aldrich then introduced the Rev. George A. Crawford as toast-master. Mr. Crawford was greeted with warm applause, and after several characteristic anecdotes, which set every one in the best possible humor, he proceeded with the post-prandial program:

"Our Fraternity" was the first toast.

"In honor we will guard the name
Of Beta Theta Pi;
Friendship, fidelity and fame
Spring from our mystic tie."

Mr. John L. Bates, of Upsilon, responded. He spoke of the tribes of dog-eaters who, in years gone by, on the spot where they were now assembled, had devoured the canine and raised their hideous howls. "The tribes have passed away, and a new race of *Δορυ*-eaters occupies their old station." Mr. Bates spoke of the aims and objects of the fraternity, and of our duty towards it. In closing brother Bates called for three howls from the new race of *Δορυ*-eaters in honor of their glorious union. The toast-master then introduced Mr. George H. Crooker, who responded forcibly to "The Brown Chapter," and "pointed with pride" to the large representation present from Kappa.

Mr. O. S. Edwards, of Brown, then felicitously responded to "The *Doggy*."

"Let Hercules himself do what he may,

The cat will mew, the dog will have his day."

The dog may have his day; but with us the night gets the cat and dog, too! Isaiah says: "They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark." But our dogs are usually served to the candidate with the bark on; that is, the bark of the dog is on; sometimes the bark of the candidate is removed.

"The Harvard Chapter" was responded to by Mr. Walter Alexander. He regretted that he could not bring a more favorable report. "Eta is at present few in numbers, but ere another year has passed we hope to have her in a condition to act as host to the New England chapters."

Mr. Guy Wilkinson then responded to the "Betas of the Pacific Coast," alluding in eloquent terms to the "pink-and-blue sunsets" of the western strand. He brought encouraging reports of Beta's standing in the far west.

The toast-master then called upon Mr. B. R. Millikin, who responded to "The Amherst Chapter," bringing glorious accounts of Beta Iota's prospects and present standing. Mr. James D. Lazell followed, responding to "The Maine State Chapter," after this tingling introduction by the toast-master:

You can easily understand that on board ship we do not have many sources of amusement. We sometimes chaff one another on our native states. Many funny things used to be said about Maine, and I always stood up for that state, pointing to the many distinguished men who were born and reared there. One day shortly after the mail came on board, a brother officer brought me a copy of *Harper's Magazine*, and asked me to read an article in the *Drawer*. The gist of the article was this: A Maine man was traveling on a western prairie and lost his way. Stopping at a house to make inquiries, the door was opened by a remarkably well-formed and handsome woman. She said she was unable to give the desired information, but that her husband, who was at work in the field, would be able to answer all questions. When the Yankee found the husband he was surprised to see a negro as black as a stove. This was too much for his curiosity, and he made an errand back to the house. Getting into conversation with the lady he finally said: "I don't want to be too inquisitive, but I should like to know how it came to pass that so handsome a woman as you are should marry a negro." "Why, stranger," said she, "that is nothin'; one of my sisters married a man from Maine."

Next—"The Grecian Maids and Mothers."

"O woman! lovely woman! Nature made you
To temper man; we had been brutes without you;
Angels are painted fair to look like you."

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"God bless our wives! they fill our hives
 With little bees and honey;
 They ease life's shocks, they mend our socks,
 But don't they spend the money!

Mr. John P. Cushing responded in Latin. Your reporter and others well versed in Latin found his production a rare treat, though they were much disturbed by the cries of the Freshmen and aged graduates who demanded a translation. During brother Cushing's speech enthusiasm was unbounded as he eloquently referred to Juno, and when the familiar word was heard, wild cries of "Good for Juno!" "Hurrah!" "More!" etc., greeted the impassioned orator. Mr. W. M. Warren then responded to "The Boston Chapter." "The Feelings of the Babe" was the next toast, and the toast-master observed:

Years ago, when Josh Billings used to publish an almanac, it was his custom to print therein short dissertations on various subjects. One upon the monkey contained a sentence which I shall never forget: "All a monkey is good for is to look at and wonder what in the devil he will do next!" I am the oldest of four children and the father of three, and I have often wondered what under the sun a child would do next, and what the processes of his mind might be. We shall have a chance to hear from a babe who was born to Betadom only a few hours ago.

Mr. F. W. Proudfoot, who three hours previous had been initiated into Upsilon from Psi Upsilon (no relation), then responded to "The Feelings of the Babe."

The secretary of the banquet committee then read letters of regret from Judge Stanley Matthews, of the United States Supreme Court, ex-Governor George Hoadly, of Ohio, Governor James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, Col. M. S. Quay, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, Congressman Robert R. Hitt, ex-Assistant Secretary of State, Congressman C. C. Matson, of Indiana, Hon. John S. Wise, of Virginia, Chancellor C. N. Sims, of Syracuse University, Hon. William H. West, of Ohio, Hon. John W. Herron, of Ohio, president of the fraternity, and others. Following are some of the letters:

WASHINGTON, February 21, 1887.

It would be a personal gratification to me if I could accept your kind invitation to be present at the meeting of the New England chapters of the Beta Theta Pi, to be held at the Parker House, Boston; but I am compelled by the pressure of official work here to forego it. I trust you may have, as I do not doubt you will have, a pleasant reunion. There are but few survivors now of the young men who, like myself, became members of the society in the earliest days of its organization, but I recall them to mind with the memory of many delightful associations. It is pleasant

to think that they have perpetuated their memories and influence in the society of Beta Theta Pi, which, beyond their expectations, has so grown and flourished. *Esto perpetua.*

Yours, in fellowship,

Stanley Matthews.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
HARRISBURG, February 3, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR:—It affords me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation extended on behalf of the Upsilon chapter of Beta Theta Pi, inviting me to be present at the seventh annual banquet of the New England chapters to be held at the Parker House, Boston, on Friday evening, February 25th.

It is not necessary for me to assure you that it would give me great pleasure to accept the invitation and join in the festivities of the occasion, even at the expense of my digestion; but the pressure of public duties is such at present that I shall be unable to join you and the other brethren on the occasion.

With cordial thanks for the courtesy of your invitation, and regrets which I beg you to extend to the members of your chapter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Beaver.

CINCINNATI, O., January 31, 1887.

DEAR SIR:—Your note, inviting me to attend the Seventh Annual "Dorg" of the New England chapters of Beta Theta Pi on Friday evening, February 25th, is at hand and contents noted. I very much regret my inability to be present, as I shall be compelled to be at the West at that time.

Among the recollections of my college days the most pleasant are those connected with what was then the Gamma chapter at Western Reserve College. Forty-three years nearly have passed since I left college, but my affection for the society has not weakened with time. With very kind regards to every brother present, I am, in friendship and fidelity,

Yours, very truly,

Geo. Hoadly.

Col. Quay in his letter said: "I have the kindest recollections of the society, and still wear its badge which has been the means of bringing me into contact with, and securing the friendship of, many pleasant and valued acquaintances throughout the United States." Hon. William H. West, of Ohio, spoke of his regard for the fraternity, and hoped arrangements would be made for the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. Congressman Robert R. Hitt regretted that he must stay in congress listening to the drone of bag pipes instead of attending a Beta banquet and joining in fraternity songs. Hon. John S. Wise wrote as follows: "I wish I could be present, but am under positive engagement elsewhere. I am a *dopy* man from way-back; in fact, have been so from a pup. I cherish the recollection of our Beta Theta

Pi chapter at the University of Virginia as among the happiest of a very happy youth. Present my fraternal regards to all the brethren, etc., etc." At this point the toast-master took occasion to make a few remarks about brother Wise:

A number of years ago I was stopping at the National House, in Norfolk, Va. One evening there was a large political meeting held in front of the hotel, the speeches being made from the balcony. Among the speakers was young Wise, who has just been mentioned. It seemed that the Republican candidate for governor had been the editor of a violent secession paper during the war. When the war ended, and all hope of preferment in that direction was gone, he suddenly blossomed out into a Republican. In commenting on his sudden change, young Wise said: "Why, my friends, he turned around so quick that he left the seat of his breeches in front!"

At the same meeting a speech was made by ex-Governor Wm. Smith, familiarly known as "Extra Billy." He was a vigorous old man who began his speech in this way: "Chronologically I am an old man; but I have never felt old to my country or my wife!"

The following telegram was read:

Extend a silver grey's greeting to the boys of Beta Theta Pi forever. Sorry I am not with you.
John I. Covington.

Mr. George A. Dunn, chairman of the nominating committee, here presented the following selection of officers for the New England chapters:

President, William M. Warren, Chief of District I.; Vice-Presidents, Judge P. Emory Aldrich, of Worcester, Rev. G. A. Crawford, of Boston, A. P. Sumner, Esq., of Providence, Dr. W. B. McMichael, of East Boston, S. O. Edwards, Esq., of Providence, W. F. Angell, Esq., of Providence, and E. G. McInnes, of Boston; Secretary, Charles R. Steere, Esq., of Boston; Directors, F. J. Belcher, of Brown, B. R. Millikin, of Amherst, Ernest W. Branch, of Boston, Walter Alexander, of Harvard, James D. Lazell, of Maine State.

Mr. Charles R. Steere responded to the toast "Our Alumni," and Mr. Walter F. Angell, assistant attorney-general of Rhode Island, closed the post-prandial exercises with a graceful and eloquent response to the toast "Wooglin."

During the evening fraternity songs were sung, and everything went as smoothly as could be desired. The mystic circle was formed and the assembly broke up at 1.30 A. M. The menus were quite elaborate. On the first page were displayed the fraternity colors and the occasion, two inside pages giving the menu, toasts and responses, the last page displaying Upsilon's chapter cut.

The following are the names of those present:

Cliff R. Richardson, Boston.
W. M. Crawford, Boston.
J. E. Bowman, Boston.
Harvey Walker, Boston.
G. R. Hoskins, Boston.
E. S. Damon, Amherst, Plymouth.
Chas. R. Steere, Brown, Boston.
E. G. McInnes, Harvard, Boston.
G. A. Crawford, Boston, Boston.
P. E. Aldrich, Harvard, Worcester.
B. C. Gillis, Boston, Boston.
L. B. Greenwood, Boston, Boston.
F. P. Cushman, Boston, South Boston.
T. Whiteside, Boston, Chicopee.
E. W. Branch, Boston, Granby.
J. D. Lazelle, Maine State College.
W. B. Snow, Boston.
G. E. Whitaker, Boston, Somerville.
C. B. Elder, Brown, South Boston.
W. M. McInnes, Harvard.
B. Berenson, Harvard.
W. H. Russell, Boston.
Warren E. Russell, Kenyon-Amherst-Harvard.
J. P. Cushing, Boston-Amherst.
B. B. Raymond, Amherst.
F. H. Fitts, Amherst.
W. B. McMichael, Boston.
C. B. Towle, Boston.
J. H. Loomis, Boston.
R. W. Foster, Boston.
J. L. Bates, Boston.
F. J. Belcher, Brown.
C. F. Smith, Brown.
Walter Alexander, Harvard.
Guy Wilkinson, University of California.
E. W. Branch, Boston.
S. R. B. Pingree, Boston.
F. W. Proudfoot, Boston.
E. A. Johnson, Boston.
A. P. Summer, Brown.

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L. G. Paine, Stevens.
R. L. Spencer, Brown.
H. T. Colwell, Brown.
C. A. Sawyer, Brown.
G. H. Crooker, Brown.
W. R. Millikin, Amherst.
C. R. Thurston, Brown.
N. Gunderson, Brown.
W. A. Peesbrey, Brown.
E. C. Myrick, Brown.
E. P. Allen, Brown.
G. W. M. Given, Boston.
W. M. Warren, Boston.
W. F. Angell, Brown.
S. O. Edwards, Brown.
L. C. Hascall, Boston.
L. N. Cushman, Boston.
G. A. Dunn, Boston.
J. C. Hagar, Boston.
H. S. Houston, Boston.

Total, 61.

BALTIMORE RE-UNION AND BANQUET.

The fourth annual re-union and banquet of the Baltimore Betas took place on Friday, January 21st, at the Carrollton Hotel, Baltimore, and was attended by twenty-five Betas, every one of whom did ample justice to the menu, "carving dat canine" like veterans. The banquet committee, consisting of brothers Edgar Goodman and H. H. Wiegand, from Johns Hopkins, and R. C. Cole, Jr., Dickinson, '79, representing the alumni, had arranged matters admirably, and each Beta, upon entering the parlor, was formally introduced to all the others already present, and was given a pink-and-blue satin badge as a memento of the occasion. After all had assembled in the large parlor and greetings, singing and conversation had been indulged in until ten o'clock, the company descended to the large banquet hall to discuss the various courses which were excellently served to the satisfaction of all present. The menu read as follows:

FOURTH ANNUAL RE-UNION OF THE BETA THETA PI, OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Menu.

Oysters on Half Shell.			
Consomme, Royal.			
Terrapin, a la Maryland.			
Panned Oysters.		Fried Oysters.	
Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.			
Green Peas.	Baked Mashed Potatoes.	Celery.	
Turkey Olio.	Potato Salad.		
Assorted Cakes.			
The "Dorg" in Ices of Various Flavors.			
Malaga Grapes.	Oranges.	Apples.	Bananas.
Coffee.—Cigars.			

When the last course had been reached and the "dorg carved" to the satisfaction of all, Edgar Goodman, as toast-master of the evening, called upon the brothers to sing "Come, Betas," from song-books which had been passed around for that purpose. He then called upon the different brothers to respond to the toasts in the order below given, the whole assembly joining in the songs between the toasts.

"Beta Theta Pi."

"Pure in thyself, and proud in thy aim,
Glory shall ever encircle thy name."

Dr. L. W. Wilhelm.

Song—"The Beta Grip."

"Our Baltimore Betas."

"For we belong to Beta Theta Pi,
And always hang together."

B. C. Cole, Jr.

Song—"The Alumni's Return."

"Alpha Chi—Johns Hopkins."

"Barbarians we to college came."

J. R. Campbell.

Song—"The Jolly Greeks."

"One of Our Latest Born."

"Yes, a barb was ransomed
By our diamond bright."

A. L. Lamb.

Song—"Initiates' Greeting."

"The Other Twin."

" Now, brother, to our social band
We welcome you with joy,
And give to you the hearty grip
Of Beta Theta Pi."

J. E. Gilpin.

Song—"Wooglin."

"The Canine."

" When appetite is failing,
When body, too, is ailing,
To banish hence all gloom again
We'll try, we'll try the 'dorg' again."

John Johnston, Jr.

Song—"Carve Dat Canine."

"Our Legal Betas."

" High on the scroll of honest fame
Beta hath sons the laurel to claim."

W. B. Harlan.

"College Days."

" Who can forget while memory lives."

L. T. Appold.

Song—"Memento Amare."

"Our Southern Betas."

" We're coming from the east, boys, we're coming from the west,
Shouting old Wooglin forever
And the boys of sunny southland are coming with the rest,
Shouting old Wooglin forever!"

J. A. Taliaferro.

"Wooglin-on-Chautauqua."—H. H. Wiegand.

Song—"There's a Scene."

"Beta Girls."

" Those Beta Girls."

M. T. Peed.

"The Possibility of a Beta Club."—Daniel L. Brinton.

"The Betas of the State."—Theodore Hough.

The toasts were responded to with uniform force and enthusiasm, and every song was sung with college spirit and vim. After the supply of cigars had run low and the Beta doxology been sung, the brethren returned to the parlors, and after much hand-shaking and farewell-taking parted to come together again in re-union in January, 1888.

The roster of those present was as follows:

Alpha Chi—Johns Hopkins: Edgar Goodman, '80; J. P. Campbell, '85; John Johnson, Jr., '81; L. W. Wilhelm, '81; Daniel L. Brinton, '83; William B. Harlan, '83; John D. Lord, Jr., '84; H. H. Weigand, '85; T. Hough, '86; A. R. L. Dohme, '86; C. E. Simon, '88; T. S. Fearn, '88; B. B. Shreeves, '89; A. L. Lamb, '87; J. E. Gilpin, '88.

Alpha Sigma—Dickinson: R. C. Cole, Jr., '79; Samuel H. Sessions, '81; L. T. Appold, '81; James Reaney, Jr., '81.

Miscellaneous: R. M. Isaacs, Stevens, '86; Dr. L. M. Latham; J. L. Hatfield, Northwestern, '86; M. T. Peed, Randolph-Macon, '78; H. C. Elmer, Cornell, '83; T. A. Taliaferro.

A. R. L. Dohme.

THE NEW YORK RECEPTION TO GOVERNOR HOADLY.

It seems peculiarly appropriate that a dinner partaking somewhat of the nature of a national ovation should have been tendered ex-governor Hoadly by the New York Betas upon his return to his native East, after having lived for half a century as boy and man in the West. There is the element of appropriateness in the recognition being made by Betas, for Governor Hoadly had been a faithful and active member of Western Reserve chapter at Hudson, Ohio, and afterwards was one of the founders of the Harvard chapter, while a student in the Harvard Law School. The Governor's services in Beta Theta Pi have thus been national in their extent and influence; and the reception given him was also national. Of the Beta speakers on the occasion, Homer Gord represented the East, Senator McDonald, Charles J. Seaman, and J. S. Tunison the West, Col. John S. Wise and Willoughby N. Smith the South, and Prof. John S. Newberry, of New York, and Dr. Theophilus Parvin, of Philadelphia, the middle portion of the country. Of those who welcomed him to New York for the bar of New York without the pale of the mystic circle, the golden-tongued orator, Roger A. Pryor, is the father of two Beta sons, Roger A., Jr., and Dr. Wm. Pryor, who jointly measure some twelve and one-half feet of Beta manhood and loyalty. Every Beta echoes the wish that fate had decreed that the father should have worn the badge with the sons, as he is a Beta in all save the name. The other speaker from outside our circle was Governor Abbott, of New Jersey, a power in New York as well as in his native state, who gave up an important political appointment at which he was to speak to help us welcome Governor Hoadly.

A chronicler of such an event labors under the constant conviction that he is transgressing reasonable limits, even though he leave out, seemingly, all that his heart delights to dwell upon. Assume, therefore, Delmonico's parlors brilliantly lighted, Beta badges flashing, the reception committee of eighteen smiling and decked with handsome rosettes—the tasty handiwork of a faithful Beta friend, Mrs. A. M. Dyer—the parlors filled with friends of bygone days and friends made within the hour, Betas ranging in years from class of '43 to class of '90, hand shaking and laughing, and the guest of the evening going back in mind to his early boyhood days, and you have the picture.

The officers and committee of the New York alumni were as follows: Chairman, John I. Covington; chaplain, James S. Ramsay, D. D.; Committee on Invitation, Roger A. Pryor, Jr., Richard Lee Fearn, Asa A. Alling, S. E. Gage, H. G. Darwin; Reception Committee, James E. Heath, Asa A. Alling, Foster L. Backus, Wm. Raimond Baird, Charles F. Beach, Jr., Moses Y. Beach, James T. Brown, A. F. D'Oench, Albion M. Dyer, H. F. Gunnison, William R. Pryor, M. D., J. T. Sackett, P. L. Soper, B. F. Taylor, Druid A. Walton, J. C. Watson, Paul Wilcox, G. W. Willis; Committee on Toasts, Thomas R. Price, Charles F. Beach, Jr., Wm. Raimond Baird.

Brother Heath, chairman of the reception committee, formed the line in twos and, by a skilful counter-march, made every Beta pass the other. Eighty filed into the large dining-room to discuss the product of the art that has made Delmonico's name famous. Our Beta brother, the Rev. J. S. Ramsay, D. D., returned thanks for the friendship of Beta life as well as for the bodily blessings. Brother John I. Covington, formerly of Cincinnati but now of New York, chairman, made a brief welcoming address, of which the following is an extract:

We are here to-night to welcome to New York one who has commanded the admiration of his fellow-citizens, the appreciation of his professional brethren, and the hearts of the brothers of his college fraternity. Our brother has won honor and fealty in political life; he has had the intellectual homage of his contemporaries at the bar; but from none has he received such hearty and spontaneous recognition of his worth as from those who are bound to him by the ties of Beta Theta Pi. For forty-four years our brother has helped to extend the principles of warm personal friendship which have their birth in the enthusiastic and unselfish appreciation of college-mates. He has written his name upon the records of his adopted state as city solicitor, as judge, as professor in the leading law school, as member of the constitutional convention, as governor, but in the midst of the exacting cares of a busy life he has impressed indelibly every page of his fraternity's history. Our brother was one of the early members of Beta chapter, at Western Reserve, and associate founder of Eta chapter at Harvard University. He was president of the convention of 1847, and orator-elect of the convention of 1886. Throughout all the years his fealty to Beta Theta Pi has been an inspiration to the young men in chapter life. If the songs of the blind Homer were made the sweeter by passing through the loving hearts and appreciative minds of his fellow-Greeks, so, too, will this faithfulness of our honored brother receive its loving recognition and lose none of its

fragrance by dwelling in the responsive hearts of the young men to whom it is entrusted.

We met to-night as New York Betas to welcome our brother to New York, but when I look around me and see representatives from chapters of our fraternity in thirty of the leading collegiate institutions of our land and from nearly every state of the Union, I feel that we must subordinate our local pride and admit that this is a national recognition from the brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi of the love we bear our honored guest, the Hon. George Hoadly.

The chairman then introduced the guest of the evening and called upon the brethren present to give him a greeting. The assembly arose, made a circle around the table, joined hands, and gave in concert the cheer, "H-o-a-d-l-y—Beta-Theta-Pi."

To the welcome Governor Hoadly responded at length. It is to be regretted that his response can not be here given word for word. What he said was substantially as follows :

When the project of giving me a public reception by the Betas of New York was first broached, I did not feel that I was worthy of it; but after reading over a bundle of Beta correspondence of my early days, I could not have the heart to refuse anything that would bring a band of Betas together, young and old, and permit us to revive the pleasant associations that cluster around the name. The old letters revived anew within me the old spirit and feeling that I had in those days, and the same old friendships and enthusiasms of my college days come back to me. It seems a little strange to me now, when viewed in the light of my maturer judgment, how it was that I could have had such a violent and relentless opposition to Alpha Delta Phi, with which my letters of 1843 and '44 seem filled. The Alphas were our only foes and we went for their scalps with all the enthusiasm imaginable.

At first violent opposition to secret societies upon the part of the faculty obtained. Our chapter was the outcome of a local society called the Boanergian Club; and their name "Sons of Thunder" fitted the case exactly. The Alphas were good students, and by their literary exercises and high scholarship won a truce from the faculty, but the Betas came in for the wrath that was left over. What was to be done to get out of this difficulty? It struck some member of the Beta chapter that the solution lay in having the Betas take the college honors away from the Alphas, and the "Sons of Thunder" took to their books, and before the next term had set in the Alphas were distanced. It was done, and it was done by such men as our distinguished scientific friend, Prof. John S. Newberry, who now sits at my side. After we had raised our scholarship above the Alphas we invited the president of our college to investigate the workings of Beta Theta Pi, and he did, the result being that he became a member of our chapter.

To-day I ran across a slip in the newspaper in which Dr. McCosh, of Princeton, pronounces against secret societies, and claims that since their banishment there has been better order at Princeton. If Dr. McCosh knew the Beta Theta Pi society, he would never make such a statement. Three of the supreme judges of the United States are Betas, two of them being members of the same church as Dr. McCosh, one being an elder and the other the father of a pastor in that church. The charge against true fraternal college societies is unjust. If any student were to become a member of a

college fraternity that was given to drinking or boisterous conduct, he would go to DECAY. [Loud applause, and laughter at the expense of Prof. Dabney, of Virginia, a member of the D. K. E., who was one of the honored guests of the evening, and who before the dinner had been sparring with Gov. Hoadly on fraternity matters.] It is not true that the college fraternity is responsible for disorder or disobedience, but the contrary is true. The new student is welcomed by the fraternity men and assisted. A spirit of emulation is created, conducive to better behavior. Fraternities of the right sort are an aid, and it is to be hoped that the new University of Princeton will welcome into her halls the Beta Theta Pi.

The Governor then paid the highest tribute to the fraternity and aroused the enthusiasm of the Betas to the highest pitch by his beautiful peroration. One of the most interesting passages was devoted to an enumeration of the men well known in the fraternity, and many of them famous throughout the country, who joined Beta Theta Pi in the early days of his own membership. Among these were General Paine, Senator Oliver P. Morton, and Senator Daniel W. Voorhees.

The chairman introduced the Hon. Roger A. Pryor, who spoke substantially as follows to the toast, "The Bar of New York Extends to Governor Hoadly a Cordial Welcome":

You could not have imposed upon me a more grateful duty than to welcome Governor Hoadly to the bar of New York; for, in testifying the gratification with which the profession greet his accession to their ranks, I but give expression to my own personal feelings.

I speak with due caution and reserve when I venture the assertion that there does not exist a body of men who are actuated by a spirit of larger liberality than animates the bar of this imperial city. Whatever jealousies and jostlings may discredit other professions, our guild is open to the admission of all worth and all talent, and in the roll of distinction our only rivalry is in the arts of a generous emulation.

Those of us who are distanced in the competition, instead of darkening in the eclipse of our individual importance, are found in the reflected lustre of our more successful brothers, and walk in the glory of our common profession. The bar of the city of New York has ever afforded an asylum for the forlorn of the profession,—from the day when it clasped to its embrace the exile of Erin, and rejoiced with a fraternal fondness in the trophies which Emmett won from Webster and Wirt, to this present hour when the defeated and dejected Confederate finds a refuge in its hospitable bosom. But it is by this cordial welcome to Governor Hoadly that the bar of New York most signally illustrates its magnanimous spirit. To greet a competitor from whose rivalry we have nothing to fear would involve no sacrifice and exhibit, at best, a contemptuous compassion; but to salute with alacrity an antagonist by whose prowess we are foredoomed to discomfiture implies a more than knightly courtesy. This greeting we give you, Governor Hoadly—*te morituri salutamus!*

Governor Hoadly is known to the bar of New York—known to be endowed with an intellect of the first order; to be equipped with all the learning of the profession; to be enriched with the spoils of literature; to be endowed with an energy which no labor can fatigue; to be gifted with an eloquence that challenges comparison

with the classical models—and he brings with him a reputation commensurate with his abilities, and the *prestige* of many a glorious conquest. This is the antagonist whom we welcome into the lists; and who now can gainsay the magnanimity of the New York bar?

And yet, after all, may not some self-regarding sentiment lurk behind the mask of this disinterested demonstration? Shall not we, the individuals of the New York bar, share the celebrity that awaits our distinguished brother? May not we, by an illusion of corporate identity, arrogate to ourselves the glory of his acquirements and his achievements? Mindful of a maxim to which, in forensic discussions, we have frequent recourse, we repose upon the principle of *noscitur a sociis* for a participation in the renown of our accomplished associate.

But, from whatever motive, the lawyers of New York extend to Governor Hoadly the hand of fraternal fellowship, felicitate themselves on the acquisition of his genius and learning, and exult by anticipation in the honors he will confer on the body of which they are proud to be members.

Ex-Gov. Leon Abbett, of New Jersey, another guest, was then called upon to speak of "The Practice of the Law in the City of New York." In response he made a humorous speech to which no summary could do justice.

The chairman introduced Hon. John S. Wise, of Virginia, as one of the Betas that, at the celebrated convention of 1872, awoke Beta Theta Pi in the South. Brother Wise's speech, which was in response to the toast, "Beta Theta Pi—A National Fraternity," will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

Brother J. S. Tunison was next introduced by the chairman, and read the following poem :

THE LITTLE GREEN SNAKE :

[A Parable Dedicated to the Beta Theta Pi Dragon.]

"Be bold ! Be not too bold !" The mentors cry,
A first-rate hint for Beta Theta Pi;
To illustrate the point my muse rehearses
A quaint new fable in her easy verses :

I.

A snake as green as a snake could be
Once dwelt near a brook that ran down to the sea;
In all the length of that limpid brook
There wasn't such another quiet nook;
But his sly little snakeship had a notion
That he could make some stir in the ocean;
If he kept on growing, why not be
The sly old serpent of the sea?

But basking oft where the warm sun shone,
Admiring to see how much he had grown,

THREE BANQUETS.

He thought what a shame it was that he
 Could not from this lazy brookside flee;
 For his sly little snakeship had a notion
 That he could make some stir in the ocean;
 If he kept on growing, why not be
 The sly old serpent of the sea?

He felt so proud and he grew so fast
 His clothes got too little for him at last;
 Another suit he had to have made,
 'Twas stuff that would stretch but never fade;
 For his sly little snakeship had a notion
 That he could make some stir in the ocean;
 If he kept on growing, why not be
 The sly old serpent of the sea?

He lived by himself beneath a stone,
 A house just the size for him alone,
 A cosier place could not be found
 In all that country for miles around;
 But his sly little snakeship had a notion
 That he could make some stir in the ocean;
 If he kept on growing, why not be
 The sly old serpent of the sea?

II.

He laid him along on a log to rest
 And looked with contempt at his little nest,
 His eyes flashed fire and his green scales glowed
 In wrath that so humble should be his abode;
 For his sly little snakeship had a notion
 That he could make some stir in the ocean;
 If he kept on growing, why not be
 The sly old serpent of the sea?

Affrighted to see him in such a mood,
 The fishes hid in the shade of the wood
 And said they all: "We'll stay in the pool
 Until his wrath has some time to cool;
 But 'tis quite too silly, his foolish notion
 That he could make a stir in the ocean;
 For he'd know, if he traveled as much as we,
 Who is the serpent of the sea."

The little birds flitted among the leaves
 And twittered in demi-semi-breves.
 They've liked few snakes since Adam's fall,
 And snakes in wrath they like not at all.

Though his sly little snakeship had a notion
That he could make some stir in the ocean;
"Why, what do we care," said they, "let him be
The sly old serpent of the sea."

The frogs hopped up on the opposite bank,
And laughed and laughed: "Oh! Isn't he a crank!
But don't say a word; let him go, let him go,
'Tis nicer to bathe without him, you know;
Let him see what's in this extr'o'd'n'ry notion
That he could make a stir in the ocean;
He could not please us better'n to be
The sly old serpent of the sea."

III.

The wind and the rain raised the brook to a flood
And swept the log from its place in the mud;
"Just the thing," thought the snake, "I want for a boat,
Right out to sea, now, I'll easily float;
And if I don't make a deal of commotion,
When riding upon the crest of old ocean—
I'll find out the reason, for I'm to be
The sly old serpent of the sea."

A ship like a phantom went sailing by,
Her tall masts darkling against the sky;
The little snake hissed in hate and despair,
The log on a billow rose up in the air,
And the sailors all cried: "We've a notion
That's what's made all the stir in the ocean;
Oh! what a monster he must be,
The sly old serpent of the sea!"

The wind and the rain gave out at last
And moonlight brightened the clouds as they passed;
But the waves rolled high on the spurned shore,
The little green snake felt the buffetting sore;
He regretted too late his youthful notion
That he could make a stir in the ocean;
For he learned how hard it is to be
The sly old serpent of the sea.

Ambition gratified at heavy cost!
The little snake from wave to wave was tossed.
Quod fabula hæc docet you divine,
For water fresh he thirsted in the brine—
Derisive word of learned seaside halls,

THREE BANQUETS.

"Freshwater" laved our inland college walls;
 No *sal marinum* seasoned class-room joke,
 No sea-breeze ruffled maple, elm, or oak.
 You mark the vain impatience of the snake;
 He was too eager—that was his mistake.
 We've learned a lesson from another's woe
 And taken half a century to grow.
 We measured staves in many a stubborn bout
 With Alpha Delt, Psi U., the Dickey rout;
 Nor felt that Learning, heavenly maiden prim,
 Conferred her favors only at the ocean's brim.

Descensus facilis—return past hope;
 For good or ill, we're down the eastern slope.
 'Tis caution, wisdom, self-restraint we need,
 To learning's counsels giving timely heed;
Festinantes lente, if the task be hard,
 Lest by our haste the work should all be marred.
 The dignity that fits a scholar best
 Is no exclusive product, east or west;
 'Tis not puffed up, nor does it vaunt itself,
 Mourns not in poverty, nor boasts of pelf;
 It envies none the joys it can not reach,
 It studies silence carefully as speech,
 It conjugates "to have" less than the verb "to be,"
 And seeks in all some glimpse of deity.
 Such dignity, with modesty allied,
 Shall make us victor—every foeman tried.
 But mind—it takes a "right smart" snake to be
 The sly old serpent of this eastern sea.

"Beta Theta Pi in Medicine" was the next toast, and was responded to by Dr. Theophilus Parvin, of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia has her representatives here to honor the guest of the evening. May his life in New York be as successful and happy as the present is auspicious! I cannot help recalling the fact that some years ago another distinguished Ohio statesman came to this great city and found here a new pathway to congress—a pathway he loves so well that not even the dignities and blandishments of a foreign court could keep him long away from it, and he eagerly returned to receive anew congressional honors. What if this second pilgrim from the Buckeye state, whose coming to New York we celebrate to-night, should likewise find here the pathway to Washington, not to congress or to senate, but to the White House? What if a second George, with virtues, wisdom, zeal and patriotism emulating those of the first, should become President of the United States?

But I understand he comes to New York simply as a lawyer, and not with any political purposes or aspirations. Lawyers are variously classified. Some are said to be civil lawyers, though how they can be civil, when they frequently engage in

cross-examinations, I cannot tell. Others are said to be criminal lawyers, but why they should contribute a special number to the criminal class is not plain. However, our guest is not, in the general sense of the term, a civil lawyer, and I am sure he is not a criminal lawyer. He is said to be a corporation lawyer, a term of which I have no very definite idea, but it must mean something good and great, or else George Hoadly would not be such a lawyer. Ever since the statement was made by a British reviewer that a corporation has neither a body to be kicked nor a soul to be damned, possibly injustice has been done to such organizations. For my part I have been led to believe corporations eminently religious. They employ the best lawyers they can, have the best law they can get—in a word, they are earnestly devoted to the law and to the profits. Moreover, they not infrequently show the sweet simplicity of bucolic life, or the simple sincerity of temperance, by watering their stock. Pardon this winding path by which I come to the toast that has been assigned me, "The Beta in Medicine." It is not impossible that some of my auditors after partaking of this rich repast, may think that it would be much more appropriate to change the expression so that it would be, *Medicine in the Beta*, for it not unseldom happens that the human stomach makes remonstrance against too much or too rich material which the taste has gladly accepted. Happily, the speakers at such banquets are exempt from these sufferings, not, indeed, because "the labor we delight in physics pain," but because anxiety compels abstinence. You can generally select the gentlemen who are to reply to toasts by their silence and by their abstemiousness; they make answers to questions as briefly as possible, and their plates are never emptied, for how can they freely indulge in edibles, or even in potables, when such indulgence may divert their thoughts from the one subject for the time transcendently great to the mind of each, may make them fail to utter the very best of those purely extemporaneous remarks which they are thinking out and carefully arranging? How important that every idea and every word should be in the right place and delivered in the right way, lest that punctuation which the appreciative audience is expected to give—"uncontrollable bursts of laughter" here, and "rapturous applause" there—should fail. And, worse than this, what if countenances do not respond when the ears are pelted with a joke, or what if they smile when the orator is uttering most pathetic words? No, after-dinner speakers must be abstinent.

As an approximate estimate of the number of Betas who are engaged in medicine, I will state that there are between seven and eight per cent.—or, supposing the entire membership of the order to be 6,000, there are between four and five hundred Beta doctors. Many of these have been, or are, medical teachers of eminence, or otherwise reflect honor upon the organization. Go to Cincinnati, and you will find four names of medical teachers well-known to the profession of the country. Need I mention those names—Williams, Reamy, Whittaker and Davis? Then living near the Queen City is Dr. E. B. Stevens, once a professor in Miami Medical College, and afterward in Syracuse University. Not only as a medical teacher, but also as a medical editor, Stevens has won high honor. He is one of the most genial of men, generous of friends, and accomplished of writers. Pass on to Louisville, and we find at least two Betas occupying important chairs in medical schools—Wilson and Roberts. Jaggard, at Chicago, still young in the profession, has proved his ability as a medical teacher and editor. A Beta, too, a graduate in medicine, is one of the faculty of the University of Mississippi. Even in far-off Syria a medical Beta is a

professor in the college at Beirut. Coming to Philadelphia, I find that the following young physicians occupy important hospital positions; positions which, in almost every instance, were won by competitive examination: John Chalmers DaCosta, Thomas B. Bradford, C. J. Irvin, W. R. Cochran, John M. Bradford and N. P. Grim. One of the teachers in the University of Pennsylvania, well-known to the profession as an able writer and practitioner, is an Iowa Beta—Risley. Among the younger members of the medical profession in Philadelphia is a Beta who has won more professional prizes by his pen and by his original investigations than has anyone of his age in the United States. I dare not mention his name, for he is here to-night. I can only say that he has so far proved swift as a hare in the race for honor and usefulness. In regard to Betas in the profession in New York, I confess to want of information. Since coming to this city I have had the pleasure of meeting with one, Dr. Pryor; but I doubt not every good and great doctor in New York, who does not belong to some other Greek organization, wishes he were a Beta. Plutarch has said that Cato mentioned three causes for regret—first, if he had told a secret to a woman; second, if he had traveled by sea when the journey could have been accomplished on land; and third, if he had passed the day without transacting any business of importance. Now it may be that the New York doctor dwells in such a sea of self-satisfaction, and has such a plenitude of happiness, that he desires nothing more. I venture to suggest, however, if anything is wanting to him, even if he should not have Cato's cause of regret, it is membership in a Beta chapter.

I have mentioned some medical Betas well-known to the profession, but what is to be said of the hundreds left unnamed? Oh, the uncrowned heroes, the warriors without battles, and the poets without harps! Wherever a brother Beta is toiling in his profession, whether in highway or byway, whether in the valley or on the mountain, in city or in hamlet, eminent or unknown, he is a better, braver, nobler man if the principles of Betaism are in his heart and in his life, and so a better doctor.

But whatever our calling, and wherever we are called to work, a common fate is before us. "The ways they are many, the end it is one." A few more years and *hic jacet* will be the final inscription over the perishing body of each one. This life, thus rapidly passing, may be consecrated to such high uses, no matter where we are, no matter how humble or how high our position, that the world shall be better and some human lives made nobler and happier.

" Honest love, honest sorrow,
Honest work for the day, honest hope for the morrow,
Are these worth nothing more than the hand they make weary,
The heart they have sadden'd, the life they leave dreary?
Hush! the sevenfold heavens to the voice of the Spirit
Echo: He that o'ercometh shall all things inherit."

One of the younger members, Willoughby N. Smith, formerly of the University of Virginia chapter and now of the Baltimore alumni, responded as follows to the toast "Beta Theta Pi in the South—Its Development and Influence":

If my friend, Dr. Parvin, had deferred his speech until to-morrow he would probably he prepared to tell us something of medicine *in* Beta Theta Pi. For, like

the ordinary course of a public dinner, a part of the halting lesson of this one will come in the morrow, with the morning's headache and the soda, with the touch of repentance and indigestion without stint. But this pleasant festivity also carries a lesson along with it. It emphasizes a marked tendency of our people and times. As in the old days, when the imperial eagles looked on a consolidated empire from orient to occident, "All roads led to Rome;" so, now, in the passing centuries, in this republic of as vast extent and more varied interests, all roads lead to New York. The roads which are not already here are pushing out to get here. Why, even that venerable townsman of mine, the B. & O. Railroad, is said to be offering to divide its kingdom with anyone who will bring it here. Whatever there is elsewhere of thrift, of energy, of prosperity; whatever of intellect and of culture, New York gathers tribute of the harvest. This is the primal idea embodied in this feast. That useful, albeit somewhat derided, friend, the census reports, may tell us that the centre of our population has moved near the banks of the Mississippi; and our territorial centre can be staked out somewhere on the remote western plains; but no genuine New Yorker can be persuaded that the real heart of this country does not beat within sight and sound of your City Hall. Here is the reservoir of the national wealth and the national energies. Here are collecting the great intellectual forces of the country. Park Place and Printing House Square are making our literature and Wall street our business methods. Here come or are bred the colossal thieves of the generation, here are the great editors to find them out, and, I may add parenthetically, here also are the great lawyers to punish them—by seeing to a proper division of the booty in the general average.

Manhattan Island is the pivot which balances the political control of this government. We rather like some features of your politics down our way. Your election law, in particular, we look upon as a good thing and we would be disposed to come after it if we thought you would let us take it away without sending with it your "boodle"-alderman and Canadaizing cashiers to molest us, and your sanguinary Shafer to make us afraid. Baltimore has no envy of New York. Conscious of the supremacy of her women and her terrapins, of her canvas-back ducks and her peaches, she is contented with the present and assured of a comfortable future. While we are not quite prepared to agree with that enthusiastic New Yorker who proclaimed that there were but two places in this country, "New York and outside of it," we freely concede you the cummin and anise so long as we are permitted to hold to the "mint." Therefore, when your committee invited me to come out from the narrow round of my humdrum and provincial work to enter this queenly city, I followed the supposed wish of my railroad neighbor, faster certainly if not more freely, gratified at the opportunity of uniting with you in welcome to one of New York's best and brightest acquisitions, and its latest—the distinguished guest of the evening. "Of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes." I need not say in this presence that Gov. Hoadly has been too good a Beta not to be a good citizen.

The sentiment assigned me calls for a passing allusion to the present condition of the South. As one born of that people, and bound to them by the closest ties of our common nature, by the ties of kindred and of early associations, a partner with them, though but a boy, in the aspiration for the success of a cause which at the time enlisted their profoundest energies and keenest sympathies, and a witness to the

downfall of that cause—a downfall which all accept and few if any now deplore—I am not best fitted to speak impartially of that section. Happily, the South needs no spokesman. The record is of tangible things, which deliver their own message.

But I may claim to say that if there be any here who picture the South as floating luxuriously to an aimless end, with youth at the prow and pleasure at the helm, the vision is misplaced. Who thinks that deceives himself. If ever true of it, that time has gone by. Or if there be others here who fancy the South is repining over her past, or in sullenness is nursing an ancient wrath, or that she sits in moody dejection as the rest of the world surges around her, I say to such, their imagining is vain. The wrath which had been fed by forty years of misunderstandings, and intensified by four years of bitter war and a crushing disappointment, melted away like the morning's mist under the genial influence of contact with their former foes, and a true knowledge of the northern character. Such dejection as was natural to a high-spirited and well nigh ruined people—called to face a new order of things and make new adjustments of the old, without money, credit, former training or even the favor of local self-government—such dejection came to that people, but it did not stay. Out of that despair arose the inspiration of a common purpose and united will which is bringing a stream of prosperity to the new South. The old order is passing away, although, perhaps, not wholly past. Some there may be among us of the conservative class described by Douglas Jerrold, who have no kind feelings for the new moon out of respect to that venerable institution the old moon. But this class is hardly more numerous than the surviving body-servants of General Washington, and like those other laggards on an untimely stage must ultimately be silenced by the grave or the rebuffs of a sceptical public.

What the South has done and is doing, what the new South *is*, I believe is well-known to the whole country. I believe that it was faith in the truth of the statements, even more than the masterly way in which the statements were presented, that evoked the thunders of applause which greeted Henry W. Grady in this hall on the occasion of the New England dinner, and led to the marked favor with which that address was received throughout the country, admirable though the address was in itself.

An extraordinary development in the South in material things has challenged the public eye. The line of development of the finer forces is less conspicuous, but it has proceeded quietly, steadily and efficiently. With the coming of prosperity the South has given thought to the education and amelioration of the condition of her people. In my own city in the last year we gave instruction to over 41,000 children at the public schools, and contributed nearly three-quarters of a million dollars for the maintenance of those schools. All children, who meet the requirements, receive similar instruction irrespective of sex or color. The city maintains high grade schools, called colleges, for both sexes, at which the advantages offered are quite equal to those offered by the average American private college. Within recent years a philanthropic citizen of Baltimore has donated about seven million dollars to the cause of education in our midst, general and technical. And more recently, another long-time resident of our city has shown his sympathy with the cause of education by giving, in his lifetime, more than a million dollars to the establishment and support of a free circulating-library. I see signs that the South is awakening to the cause of popular education throughout its borders. A month ago, revisiting my

former Virginia home, I found that at the little hamlet near which I lived two adjoining hills were crowned by a new school-house each, one for the white children and the other for the negro, each like the other in size, convenience, appointments and suitability of equipment for work.

And that which is true of Virginia in this respect, I am assured, is becoming true of the whole South.

But what of Beta Theta Pi in this work? What was her field and how has she filled it? My brother Seaman, when called on by me awhile ago to construe the legend at the head of your menu, gave it "Philadelphia." Not a bad translation. For the essential features of our fraternity are brotherly love and friendship. Most of the southern colleges have a prescribed course of study extending over a period of four years. This system throws together the young men entering at the same time, makes a distinct body of them during college life, tends to produce estrangements between the classes, and to lead to class rivalries and jealousies. It begets a spirit of all for the class and none for the college. Members of the higher classes look down upon the inferior classmen as a lower order of beings, and treat them with indifference or with a supercilious and puerile condescension that is equally galling to the recipient. The influence of Beta Theta Pi, and the other Greek-letter societies, is exerted in the line of removing such class distinctions as are unworthy, and of softening ungenerous social customs that have crept into the web of college life. Their influence is always thrown in the scale of subordination to college authorities, of morality, and of plain living and high thinking. They offer to the students of all the classes a common meeting-ground, where all the "elect" may meet as equals in a social re-union that is purer and something more than a literary gathering or a drinking club; and they substitute for the brutality of the hazy the gentle and persuasive blandishments of the "spiker." Such is the observed effect of the fraternities in southern colleges modeled on the Princeton plan. Whether the fraternities in the years they have been exiled might have brought some saving grace to Princeton is a matter of speculation; but it is at least significant that of the turbulence in all the colleges in the past two years Princeton is fairly chargeable with the largest per cent.

And what of the development of Beta Theta Pi in the South? I must leave this point, as we lawyers sometimes do when "stumped," to the presumed knowledge of the court. I have been too long from college to give personal testimony. I do know that there is a chapter of the fraternity at the Johns Hopkins University in my town; and that it is composed of the best and brightest men of that great institution; and that it is accomplishing large results. I further know that there is an alumni association in Baltimore. I know this from the fact that I have the honor to be president of it. What it intends to accomplish is uncertain—as uncertain as the meaning of the Inter-State Commerce Bill, until it is expounded for us by Governor Hoadly or Gen. Pryor, or some other of the great lawyers present. It has not accomplished anything yet—unless, perchance, it has brought me the privilege of being with you to-night. If it has done so much, I count its fruits great indeed; for, like the traveler in the German ballad, I come to greet you accompanied by invisible guests. Like him, I say :

"Take, O boatman, thrice thy fee,
Take; I give it willingly,
For, invisibly to thee,
Spirits twain have crossed with me."

The associations and memories which lift the veil of forgetfulness and take us back to college days and chapter hall—these and such as these, my brothers, are the unseen guests around us to-night, and I toast them as the common inspiration of us all.

After a brief speech by Senator Joseph E. McDonald on "The Fraternity," the chairman introduced Prof. John S. Newberry, of Columbia College School of Mines, who spoke as follows :

It is very late, so late, indeed, that I shall not weary you with a speech, and would spare you altogether, but I should be recreant to my duty, and do violence to my feelings, if I did not give utterance in a cordial welcome to the pleasure I feel at the advent among us of our honored guest. He and I have been life-long friends, and the way for our friendship was prepared before our birth. Governor Hoadly's father and my father were classmates at Yale; our personal acquaintance dates from boyhood, and I can confidently say no one present has known him longer or more intimately, and, I may add, has esteemed or admired him more.

I find myself set down on the programme for a speech on "College Reminiscences," but with your permission I shall make my remarks on this theme very brief, because of the lateness of the hour, and also because I shall perhaps have a word to say upon something more important, if not more interesting.

Although my remembrances of college life are only pleasant, and it was very happy, there was little in it that was dramatic, certainly nothing tragical, and its episodes that were most amusing to us would hardly entertain you at this hour.

As students, we were members of a very quiet and orderly community, and though our life was full of fun and brightness, to which no one contributed more than our distinguished guest, it was generally innocent and harmless. I do not remember that George Hoadly's college career was marked by any of those offenses against good order and good taste—practical jokes on fellows and faculty—which constitute the only college triumphs of certain students. Our college sports had not then degenerated to brutality, and if they had done so our friend was of too delicate an organization, too fine-grained in body and mind, to acquire distinction or find pleasure in base-ball or foot-ball as they are now played. When he came among us as a student, he was a slim, beardless boy, the youngest member of his class, with an almost girlish face, but with the clearest, brightest eyes I have ever seen; always sparkling with intelligence and fun. His chum was O. A. Lyman, then the most careless and jolliest fellow in college, but afterward a distinguished clergyman, who died early and greatly beloved as pastor of one of the leading churches of Cleveland.

Lyman was the best writer and Hoadly the most eloquent speaker in their class. Both were somewhat indifferent as to their rank as scholars; but they were not idle nor dissipated, as they did much good work outside the college curriculum. Hoadly was an omnivorous and insatiable reader, and his reading was largely of solid matter. He was very quick of apprehension and had a remarkable memory, which he inherited from his father, one of the best informed men I have ever met. In college,

George was credited with unusual talents, and his subsequent brilliant career has been no surprise to those who knew him as a student. In his case the child was indeed, "father to the man;" from boyhood he was marked out for a lawyer and a statesman. His reading was by preference literary, historical, and political, and while yet in his teens he knew the politics of every county in Ohio.

Our fraternity was then very strong in Western Reserve, and the success of our chapter was largely due to the tireless enthusiasm and skill in college politics of our young leader, in whose honor we are met to-night.

But I can not further follow this theme, pleasant as it is. My most intimate association with George Hoadly has been since college life ended for us, and I shall venture to wander a little from my text and allude—for time will only permit me to allude—to Governor Hoadly's war record. Let none of our southern friends, of whom I am glad to see so many here to-night, take offense, nor my northern friends feel regret at the allusion; for that record is one which all must approve and any one might envy.

At the beginning of the "late unpleasantness" I was appointed a member of the United States Sanitary Commission, organized to mitigate as far as possible the horrors of war by providing for the better care of the sick and wounded soldiers, nominally of the northern armies; but its merciful ministrations were limited by no geographical or party lines, and were given to suffering humanity wherever it was found. In fact many thousands of southern soldiers under my own eyes, and by my official authority, were afforded aid and comfort, without which their lot would have been hard indeed.

On joining the Sanitary Commission I was assigned the duty of extending our organization throughout the valley of the Mississippi. In doing this I was instrumental in establishing branches of the Commission in all the principal cities of the West—Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and others. Among these that of Cincinnati was one of the first in time and usefulness. The first step towards its establishment was an appeal to Judge Hoadly, already a distinguished lawyer and influential citizen, for co-operation and guidance in the enterprise. He at once took up the work with his characteristic enthusiasm, selected his associates and gave character and vigor to the movement. He subsequently contributed greatly to its success, and of the noble work it accomplished he may be said to have been the leader and inspiration. He has already achieved great things in life and we may confidently expect that he will win still greater prizes, but when the end of his career shall come, however splendid it may have been, I am sure he will look back on no part of it with greater satisfaction than on his share in the good work of the Cincinnati branch of the Sanitary Commission.

However, I did not rise to recite the biography of our distinguished guest, but to bid him welcome to New York. This I do with all my heart. I have lived for more than twenty years in this city and have come to know it well. It is no paradise, and any man of heart and conscience will find it a good field for missionary work; but it is the centre of intellectual activity of all kinds, and the learned professions and professional schools are objects of legitimate pride with us. Beside this, New York is morally and politically better than it was. I began my life here under the Tweed ring, and now we are under the no less vigorous but far more honest rule of Mayor Hewitt; certainly a great improvement for which I thank God and take courage.

But, good or bad, New York is becoming more and more a factor in American politics and history, and it is becoming more and more important that it should be under good influences.

Governor Hoadly will tell us that he came among us to practice his profession and the New York bar may be congratulated on the addition to its ranks of another great lawyer. In this galaxy of legal talent he will be sure to take a conspicuous place; but he has also come here with an enviable reputation as a politician and statesman, and, fortunately, he is a Democrat, without which qualification he would be powerless in the political arena. With his fame and abilities it is hardly to be supposed he will hide his light under a bushel, and I predict for him a brilliant public career in this new and wider field of action. I also rejoice in that prospect, for while I hope and believe he will do well for himself, I know he will do well for us, and I congratulate the city and country that a man so able and incorruptible has come to strengthen the hands of those on whom the interests of the city and country rest. Therefore, from personal and public considerations, I give to our brother a hearty and cordial welcome.

After a few words from Homer Gord on "Beta Theta Pi in the East," and from Charles J. Seaman on "Wooglin-on-Chautauqua," the evening broke up, and the 29th of March, 1887, passed into history as the date of one of the most enjoyable banquets ever given by Beta Theta Pi.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

The Forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Beta Theta Pi will be held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua July 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1887. It is earnestly desired to make this the greatest convention in every regard that our fraternity, in all its striking record, has ever known, and to the accomplishment of this end elaborate and attractive arrangements are now being made. The convention will be in session four days, from Wednesday till Saturday, and its business exercises will be genially varied by delightful festivities in the afternoons and evenings, including the reception and hop, the banquet, excursions on the lake for an airing and fun, and on the land to prominent places of interest in the vicinity. After a day of rest, which will probably come opportunely enough, on Monday, the 25th, there will be held a grand alumni re-union of many of the best known men of our oldest chapters, among them certain distinguished men whom we are glad to know and honor. On the 26th and 27th of July will occur the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, on Lake

Chautauqua, an affair of general interest to the public and of special interest to college men, many representatives from whose ranks will be among the aquatic contestants. On some convenient occasion during the week, as just detailed, there will be given a special cheap excursion to Niagara Falls, which point is but a short railway journey from the lake, and to visit which makes a day's pleasant trip.

Chief among the social events will be the reception and the banquet. The former, it is proposed, will surpass every previous effort of its kind, and will surely prove an affair of great pleasure and brilliancy. The roomy spaces of the club-house will be turned into a great ball-room, with music, refreshments and decorations to be furnished from a large city not far distant. In addition to the presence of club people and friends and of many invited guests from all parts of Lake Chautauqua, an alluring delegation of young ladies is also promised us from Cleveland under the leadership of one of our devoted Beta girls. The club-house premises will be made most attractive within and without, and if the event is favored with pleasant weather, as may be hoped for from the presiding deity of this happy summer resort, the surroundings of the place will be made into an illuminated pageant of splendor and charm. Anyone who was present at the convention in 1884 held as a house-warming to Wooglin will remember the enchanting effects produced by the limited efforts then made in the way of lights within and torches and blazing beacons without. In every respect the reception promises to be a most charming social event which will add measurably to the festal programme.

At the banquet it is expected that the board and the responses to toasts will be graced by the presence of some of our most notable men. Beta Theta Pi seems to succeed better than any other fraternity in retaining the attachment of its older alumni, largely because we think it a real fraternity and not a mere aggregation of local clubs. For this reason, and also because of positive engagements already made and others that will be consummated later, it is confidently hoped that the occasion will be distinguished for the number of "silver greys" who will turn out in great force and spirit to do honor to the cause, and lift their willing voices to Wooglin and the *Δορυ*.

This Forty-eighth Convention is meant to be a popular one, and everybody who by hook or crook can possibly attend is expected to be there. The interest that is felt in our great fraternity enterprise, the club-house, ought to excite and inspire many to go to see and enjoy it, while the natural attractions of so delightful and notable a summer

resort as Lake Chautauqua offer very great inducements to make one's vacation trip a visit to the convention. Those who have seen the lake know what charms it has and will enjoy them anew ; while those who are yet unacquainted with its enticements have a fine treat in store for them under unexcelled auspices. The locality of Chautauqua is convenient to all sections and is easily reached by several railroads. Cheap rates and excursions are also constantly made to this point during the season, and it is also a common stopping-place for travelers between the seaboard and the western states. Reduced boarding rates will also be offered to convention guests at the club-house and neighboring hotels, and it is particularly desired to impress the fact on prospective visitors that attendance upon this convention for an entire week will not cost any more than the usual expense of a three-days convention in a large city, while the amount and variety of entertainment offered will be very much greater. Therefore, and because no one should in any event miss this affair, let every one set aside the stated dates and make them his own for his summer outing, and begin at once to put aside the means for the pilgrimage, if he must after the nature of his necessity look so far ahead in this regard; for the college Greek or any other of the Beta clan who will not be fully compensated for a thousand-miles trip to this jubilee convention is too musty and antiquated for the enjoyment of this vale of tears. Everybody, in fact, is expected to be there, many of the brethren, such as are alumni of years and family, with their wives and prettiest daughters, while the Beta girls will drift in on every gentle zephyr, to make a charming place a perfect paradise.

For the information of such as are not fully acquainted with Wooglin and the lake, we make a few explanations concerning the place and locality. The club-house, a structure of large size and artistic design, is located at the extreme upper end of the lake on the east side, directly opposite Mayville, the county seat and chief railroad station, half a mile across the water. The grounds of Wooglin are about twenty acres in extent, having their longest frontage on the lake, and rising gradually to the last terrace on which stands the club-house. The lake front is fringed with trees, and there is abundant lawn with other shade. A good pier projects from the water front, and belonging to the club is a fleet of small row-boats and sail-boats. A new steam-launch built last year to special order is also the property of the club and is exclusively devoted to the service of its guests.

Wooglin is situated a mile and a half above Point Chautauqua, one of the largest and most elegant resorts on the lake. Here are hotels and cottages, together with a summer theatre where a series of light operas and dramatic entertainments will be given during the season by visiting theatrical companies. The Point will also be depended upon to furnish accommodation and diversion during convention-time, and will harbor the overflow from the limited quarters of the club-house. Nearly opposite Point Chautauqua, and below Mayville on the same side of the lake, is situated the well-known Chautauqua Assembly and Summer University. The exercises there will begin this year on the 1st of July, and always offer enjoyable entertainments in the way of concerts, lectures and special services which can readily be attended from Wooglin. Farther down the shores, and easily accessible by the excursion steamers that throng the lake, are other resorts, chief among which are Bemus Point, Lakewood, a gay and fashionable place, and the large town of Jamestown, situated at the outlet of the lake, twenty-two miles distance from Wooglin by water. The last two points named are touched by another line of railroad than that which comes to Mayville. Another local line along the east shore of the lake touching Wooglin, Point Chautauqua and other places, and connecting Mayville and Jamestown, is also under construction and will probably be in operation during the coming season. Thus the facilities for travel to and about the place are excellent and various, while the opportunities for diversion and entertainment are of the most attractive order. "Indeed, the whole lake," as a contributor commented on the coming convention in the October number of this magazine, "in its entire twenty-two miles' curving length is only one vast varied hilarious outing with unspeakable charms of cool air and lovely scenery." Let us each and every one therefore make strenuous efforts to attend this red-letter convention and partake of its rich store of coming profit and pleasure.

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EDITORIAL.

Loyalty.

WE HEAR a great deal said about the duty of loyalty to our order and respective chapters. Indeed, if Beta Theta Pi teaches us anything worth learning, it surely teaches a loyal regard for the welfare of our fraternity, of our chapter, and of our brethren. If this had not been so in the past, we should not have had such a proud history, such a steady and symmetrical development; if it were not so to-day, we should have but little hope of a still nobler future. That we have built upon this foundation is evident from the real and practical interest of our alumni, old and young, whose zeal is the envy of our rivals and the cause of just pride to every Beta. Yet may it not be well to ask ourselves what we mean when we speak of Beta loyalty? Perhaps we already have a clear and definite idea; but it can do no harm to attempt to place the thought still more vividly before our minds.

Loyalty is *not* gush. Our effusions about Wooglin, the "dorg," our glorious order, etc., are well in their place. Indeed, we should be a little suspicious about the young Beta who did not exhibit a little of such Sophomoric eloquence. But these things do not prove our loyalty. They may be the expressions of a young and ardent nature, loyal to the very core, whose enthusiasm must seek an outlet in words as well as in deeds. In such a case, they are a good sign, for they give evidence of a warm heart and an imaginative mind. On the other hand, they may be nothing but mere froth—meaningless words, which have as little of influence as of significance. When this is true, they are almost too contemptible to be worthy of ridicule. We do not wish to disparage a little gush now and then. We repeat that it may be not only excusable, but admirable. Yet we should guard ourselves against mistaking it for genuine loyalty. The real, pure article is something infinitely better.

There are many more things which loyalty is *not*. It is not bigotry nor clannishness; and the man who thinks it is has not the true fraternity spirit. Perhaps a little dash of partisanship—

just enough to make a man enthusiastic and emulative—is a good thing ; but the moment that partisanship makes one narrow and unfair, it weakens and limits the character. Loyalty is not boasting nor self-admiration ; and neither is it envy and depreciation of our rivals.

Loyalty, as we understand it, includes the best elements of our sentiment, of our partisanship, and of our pride ; but, if it is worth the breath which articulates the word, it is infinitely superior to all of them. True loyalty is practical, as well as theoretical. It goes out in deeds, as well as in sentiments. If a man is loyal to his fraternity, he will first desire to know all that he can about it ; he will find out the various ways in which it is a benefit to himself and others ; he will learn how he can best serve the interests of the order ; he will be constantly asking himself what can be done to make it better and greater. Loyalty makes a man faithful in the performance of all his duties to his chapter and to the fraternity. It makes him a regular attendant of chapter meetings ; it makes him a good officer and a good member ; it gives him an eager interest in the discussion of all subjects and makes him an ardent promoter of all projects for the welfare of the chapter ; it makes him a leader and a support. In fraternity relations, it makes a man support the magazine, subscribe for the song-book, and give all possible assistance to every other good fraternity undertaking ; it makes the cor. sec. prompt in the preparation of semi-annuals and earnest in the discharge of his other important duties ; it secures good, carefully written, readable letters for the magazine ; it makes the souls of editors and general secretaries to rejoice. In brief, loyalty means the spirit of hard, practical, energetic work ; it means a real devotion to the general good. It involves self-sacrifice.

True loyalty should be able to stand hard tests. Personal opinions and preferences must often be set aside for the good of the whole. Oftentimes, measures which do not seem best to the individual must be supported with hearty zeal. We must learn to get outside of ourselves, and feel that it is worth our while to do many things from a higher motive than that of mere self-interest.

Such a loyalty as this may seem ideal and impracticable. Yet is it not the only true and genuine article? Is it not just what

we need in our fraternity life? We have men in the fraternity who possess loyalty of this type; and to them the order owes its present high standing and progressive policy. But the number of such men should be larger. We need them in every chapter and in every office. Our sentiment will serve to inspire us with zeal and enthusiasm; and these we must have. But, after all, it is the practical, hard work which tells; and nothing else will serve as a substitute. If by Beta loyalty we mean such a loyalty as we have described, let us have more and more of it. It will be of infinite value to the fraternity, and will react with scarcely less power upon the individual.

Chapter Life.

THE FAILURE or success of a chapter in reaching the highest possible state of efficiency depends almost wholly upon the character of its internal life, of the ideals which are set before it by its strongest members. It therefore naturally follows that a chapter determines its own future by the men whom it admits within its circle; for a chapter is the result of its present and its past. Not that every chapter should be cast in the same mold—far from it. But conceptions of chapter life ought to be sufficiently definite to serve as a practical guide in our choice of men. If not, they are altogether too vague and theoretical.

Some college fraternity chapters are simply literary societies; others are mere social clubs. These are the extremes, and there are many gradations between them. The true chapter, it seems to us, is, in its essential nature, neither purely social nor purely literary. These qualities may be necessary phases of its life; but they are subordinate to the central idea. If we can set vividly and practically before ourselves the true ideal, we shall be saved from either of these extremes; for all subordinate elements will fall naturally into their proper places. The true type is a modified form of the family—the family adjusted to the peculiar circumstances of college life. If this conception be the true one, then, as we have already suggested, the social element is a necessity. The family is pre-eminently social. But let us notice here that it is not social in the sense in which the word is often used: it is not a convivial organization. Neither is the chapter. There must

be a social atmosphere. A chapter can not live without it. But the sociability must be of such a kind as to conform naturally to the type of the chapter life.

There must also be an intellectual atmosphere. A family composed of persons who are uncultured, shallow, narrow-minded, falls very far short of the ideal. When we transfer the family to the college, the intellectual element becomes of even greater importance. It is in the friction of mind with mind, of ideas with ideas, that we gain much of what is best in our education. A chapter, composed of thinking, cultured men, which can allow full freedom of thought and expression, and still preserve the spirit of harmony and brotherhood, is a place of inspiration to conceive and of strength to perform.

In addition to these elements, there is a third which is hard to define. If we have only the intellectual and social atmospheres, we shall be simply cultured friends, enjoying each other's friendship, deriving intellectual good from the close contact of minds. We must be more than friends: we must be brothers. We must recognize a band and a pledge which shall bind us together with strong ties and make us cherish a feeling that the fraternity is a real inward force and not a mere outward show. We must own a common allegiance to the principles we profess, to the fraternity to which we belong. For want of a better name, we might call this a fraternity atmosphere. It is essential to a true chapter life, and fitly complements the intellectual and the social.

It would be interesting to follow out these general principles in greater detail; but we must hasten to one or two applications. If this theory of chapter life be true, how should it influence our choice of men? The answer is too apparent to need more than a brief statement. We should seek for men who combine in as high degree as possible these three necessary elements; and every man who is presented for consideration should be subjected to these tests. By an intellectual man is not necessarily meant a profound scholar, but a man whose intelligence will bring honor and benefit to the chapter. The social man need not be convivial nor devoted to the pleasures of general society; but he should have elements which qualify him to be a positive addition to the internal social life of the chapter. Many a student has these who seldom

or never dons his dress coat and cuts a figure in society. The fraternity man is one who thoroughly grasps the fraternity idea and appreciates the fraternity spirit, who will be in sympathy with our principles and loyal to the fraternity. With men selected in accordance with such standards, a chapter is in very little danger of failure, unless there are present other elements which nullify the proper effect of those which we have mentioned.

Again, if our ideal be the true one, how should it influence our actual chapter life? The answer is not far to seek. We may not expect to realize the ideal; but the chapter life will be insensibly molded by it. We shall find in the chapter opportunities for intellectual culture and literary attainment, but not to the exclusion of other things. The chapter will unconsciously acquire a certain intellectual tone, which will tend to become fixed and to perpetuate itself. In details, it will change, as members come and go; but still it will have a tendency to remain essentially the same. We shall find also in the chapter the social spirit of which we have spoken. Under its influence, friendships will be formed, confidences will be exchanged, mutual assistance will be given. With such a spirit well developed, there will be lingering around the chapter fire, and many a pleasant memory will be left to linger in the memory forever. The fraternity spirit, too, will have much to do with our interest and enthusiasm. Without it, we shall be a mere local club, indifferent to allegiances, and contemptuous toward connections; with it, we shall be conscious of our brotherhood in a great organization, which spreads its influence over all the land, and which helpfully unites us with thousands of select, cultured and successful men whom we have never seen or known. Finally, is the ideal presented here the true one? If so, is it not worth while to make strong efforts for its wider and more practical realization?

A Verdict of Experience.

IN THE report of the late Boston banquet there are found two utterances made on that occasion which are not only true and notable in themselves, but are also the more impressive because of the eminent experiences of the men whose mature views they reflect. Judge Aldrich said: "I owe a great deal to fraternity

life, and I feel sure that before you are of my age you will appreciate the benefits to be derived from such a fraternity as Beta Theta Pi." Senator Quay wrote: "I still wear the badge which has been the means of bringing me into contact with, and securing the friendship of, many pleasant and valuable acquaintances throughout the United States."

Such sentiments as the above are not rare either in thought or in expression, but the opportunity for forcing home the truth they teach to the novice and revive in the hearts of loyal alumni is not so usual; and we therefore call special attention to the words as helping to inspire that ever-useful feeling, that the fraternity is not only an outward show but also an inward force. Most men join the fraternity when they are young and heedless, because they wanted to or were asked, having small knowledge of the meaning and influence of the vows they take. But how truly have they builded better than they knew! At first the chapter was to them hardly more than a local club, offering certain attractions or inducements which they were pleased to enjoy; then came the often insensible molding process of intimate associations directly aimed and guided to accomplish certain purposes which represent the objects and principles of the order. Not until after the young brother leaves college does he really begin to profit by the lasting impress that has been made upon his nature by the slow growth and solidifying of his character. He often does not know why or in what he has gained strength and gifts until some time there comes, as always must come, a crisis, a blow, or an opportunity that will try his soul. Then if he is of worthy metal and has been fully cleansed of dross, he will appreciate, as do Judge Aldrich and Senator Quay, the benefits to be derived from our fraternity, and will be as eager and thankful as they to deliver the gracious verdict of experience.

The Chapter-Letter Writer.

IN COMPARISON with any other fraternity journal, our chapter-letters are of a superior order in quality and interest of contents. But some are far better than others, and always a few are with difficulty licked into shape, being nearly "edited to death" in the Procrustean mold of style. It is far easier, however, to reduce an

excess or refine a fault than to supply a lack, and we uncomplainingly if not always cheerfully apply ourselves to the former task. But a chapter-letter that is curt and dry or contains nothing at all but "glittering generalities" is the bane of both editor and reader. Worst of all, to speak with a Milesian accent, is no letter at all.

Chapters are largely judged by their chapter-letters, and hence it rests alone with a chapter itself whether it wants to be well or ill represented. About this time of year during the closing term, many new cor. secs. will be elected, and again we would advise what we have often advised before, that the selection of this officer be very carefully made, wholly with a view to the fitness of the incumbent for his peculiar duties. This is not the place to be occupied by some popular "good-fellow" whom you desire to honor, but who has not the earnestness or the skill for the position. Preferably, also, make but few changes in your cor. secs., and only at long intervals, keeping a man in place for several years if possible, when you get a good one. And report all changes at once to the magazine.

The work of an efficient cor. sec. is so considerable that it may well be divided up and shared with others. Many chapters have long maintained a financial and canvassing agent of the magazine, and others have some special brother of approved literary skill delegated to write the chapter-letter. We heartily approve of these divisions of labor, and the latter is particularly calculated to work good results. We wish the plan could be followed in every chapter. The duty of writing the letter is not arduous to one to whom writing comes easy, and the gain to a chapter's reputation and record through the work of a careful, trained, and clever correspondent is so obvious and desirable that we wonder why there should ever be cause for complaint as to the absence or poor quality of chapter-letters.

The May Semi-Annals.

IN OUR last issue we reviewed the December semi-annual chapter circulars, and we now desire to remind the cor. secs. that the May instalment is almost due and should at once be prepared. We trust that most of the chapter representatives will not have needed to be advised in this regard, and will have conscience and

industry enough to know their duty and perform it promptly. But there are always a few incompetent or incapable officials who manage to bring themselves into disrepute at headquarters, and cast unmerited reflection upon their chapters by failing to obey the rules about sending out semi-annuals and by neglecting to furnish the magazine with chapter-letters. To those who have done their work faithfully and worthily, great thanks and credit are justly and cordially due; and such may know that they have come into deserved favor and honor, both in the chapter and in the fraternity.

But there are others, alas! who will not remember or regard their obligations as chapter officials. Coaxing, comment, or courtesy is alike without avail with the most obstinate cases, and all that we can do in the fairness and charity of our sad hearts is to refer these disobliging brethren back to their chapters to be remonstrated with or displaced. We therefore ask the members of each chapter to regard carefully the record made this year by their cor. secs. in the matter of semi-annuals and chapter-letters, and then to entertain such opinion of them or take such action concerning them as shall best accord with their deserts as official representatives of chapters.

Attend the Next Convention.

THE programme and prospectus of the coming Forty-eighth Convention are stated elsewhere in this issue, and we hope will be taken happily to heart by every one of the brethren. It is quite needless to harp at length on the benefit and enjoyment to be derived by attending a fraternity convention; for the man who goes has his enthusiasm so awakened by the contact with other men and the fine feeling thus engendered in the cause, that his loyalty and efforts are immensely quickened and his horizon of view distinctly broadened. Those who "have been there" feel this influence to such a degree, that convention-going becomes almost a disease, and we may add that when a man gets such a disease there is really no telling what he will do for the sake of such a fraternity. It seems to grow by what it feeds upon, until we strongly begin to suspect that our fraternity will soon, in spite of itself, forge clearly ahead of all its rivals, eastern and western.

But if you want to discount this alarming prospect, you can aid in doing so by living in a state of indifference to conventions ; for we plainly warn you that you can't attend conventions and continue to be indifferent.

But the Wooglin convention presents peculiar attractions even to the fanatic, while for the novice there never was a more enticing inducement to attend. Those who have visited the clubhouse want to go there again, while those who have not enjoyed it must see it and do so. Then, besides, the beauties and diversions of Lake Chautauqua are such as attract many an outlandish barbarian who goes there only to satisfy his uncultured longing for something better than he has known at home, or to pass in idle pleasure-seeking his unspent vacation-time. Of the nature and variety of the recreation and inviting solaces there to be found, a full and complete hint may be obtained in the longer exhibit of the convention, as therein set forth and described. After reading so alluring a list of frolic and fun, we can well imagine the sweet naiad of Chautauqua trailing her gauzy robe above her fair haunts as she waves her shining arms and gently calls to us through the ivory gate :

" If these delights thy mind may move
Then live with me and be my love!"

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY WILL BE HELD JULY 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, AND 23RD AT WOGLIN-ON-CHAUTAUQUA, WITH RECEPTION, BANQUET AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT. ON MONDAY, JULY 25TH, GRAND ALUMNI RE-UNION.

MISCELLANY.

His View of It.

One stormy night in March two Beta chums were sitting before a cheerful fire in their pleasant college room, when, after a short silence, one of them started in as follows :

" I have thought a great deal since yesterday of your account of a recent visit to Belnoran, where you met so many of our fraternity boys ;

sixty-seven I believe you said. You expressed satisfaction with all, except the representatives of Beta Chi chapter, saying they seemed gentlemanly fellows and good students, but were not of our stamp. Now, I think, honestly, that the superior of our chapter is not to be found in the fraternity, and you, also confident of this, went to Belnoran with your high standard in mind, determined to regard as worthy Betas only those whose dispositions and general bearing placed them alongside of the Greeks of Delta Pi. You were enthusiastic over the boys from Delta Mu and Pi Beta, but for Beta Chi men you had no words of commendation; in short, you thought they were of small account, although you admitted that they were good students, gentlemanly, and compared very favorably with the rest of the delegation from that college; you remember, too, that your cousin, who lives in Millville, and who knows all the college boys, has told you that the Betas there are easily first.

"My views on the essential qualifications of a good fraternity man have changed materially of late. I used to hear and tell a great deal about the selection of 'kindred spirits,' 'like minds' and all that, and I became settled in my conviction that the ideal fraternity chapter should be composed of eight or ten fellows of like tastes and sympathies, and so I fell into the natural habit of criticising chapters that were heterogeneous in their make-up. Several years ago the Deltas here had a motley crowd. Wilson and Thompson were studying for the ministry, Hall was a 'moke'; of the worst kind, Davis and Benton were 'bumming' all the time, and Watson flunked regularly every time he was asked to recite. I was corresponding secretary that year and I used to write slurs about the 'motley gang,' 'no two congenial' and the like, and with a self-satisfied smile, I fancied I had completely laid out the other fraternity. I now believe that I was in the wrong in much that I wrote, and while I am not ready to assert that every type of college student should be represented in a good chapter, I do believe in a diversity of temperaments and tastes.

"The whole thing hinges on this one point: can there be unity amidst diversity? Harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, especially of such societies as ours, and everything ought to be sacrificed for it, but I do not think it impossible that there should be harmony among men who are entirely different in tastes and sympathies. A dignified self-restraint will enable any one to get along with others whose views are widely different from his, and, indeed, it is a poor sort of man who always agrees with one in everything. And so I believe

that it is desirable for a chapter to be composed of men of varied tastes and dispositions. As colleges are now conducted, one man can not lead in all departments. It is well, then, to have some studious ones, who will uphold the fraternity in class-room work ; some others who are fond of society and can maintain the dignity of the chapter in social circles ; some, who are literary in their tastes, and who can do effective work in the columns of the college paper and in the literary society, even though they be rather neglectful of class-room routine ; still others who are orators, athletes, or witty conversationalists. I think the greatest mistake our chapter ever made was when it refused to admit Lewis just because he was a poor literary man, where we made that a specialty. He has been one of the strong men of our rivals. But those ultra-conservative days are gone forever, I hope.

"Now, ere I leave the subject, let me bar from our circles certain classes. I would make no place for the student in name only, who neglects all his work and spends his time loafing around. Such members always curse a chapter. I would make no place for a 'bummer.' Sometimes a good man otherwise, gets careless, and little by little learns to dissipate, but such a one can readily be awakened to his condition.

"What a load, however, is the member who will have no regard to his chapter's interests, but who will persist in habits of drinking, card-playing and general dissipation to the neglect of everything else ! These men generally are good-natured, friendly companions, and it is hard for a chapter to force itself to the disagreeable necessity of expulsion.

"Leaving out of consideration some classes, then, and bearing constantly in mind the necessity for harmony and friendship, I say again that a chapter ought to contain varied elements. Since a well-rounded man must know something of various lines of science and art and must have the physical organism in order as well as the mental, it can also be concluded, it seems to me, that a good fraternity chapter should contain the various elements which serve to make up the sum total of college life. And now I return to the point whence I started, and express my conviction that a good fraternity of necessity must be composed of many different kinds of chapters, representing the many different kinds of colleges.

"Your dissatisfaction with Beta Chi chapter, then, is based on a false ground, and herein I see a fallacy in the argument of the 'children of Herod,' who would withdraw a charter, because the chapter under

discussion does not contain the same material as does some highly esteemed one.

"If we can have a representative chapter in any of our colleges, with men who rank well in front, then I believe it is an erroneous notion to try to shape all chapters by a strict, rigid standard.

"It seems to me there must of necessity be as many different kinds of chapters as there are colleges in our jurisdiction. But, when new chapters are proposed, I am conservative enough to demand that the colleges be of the highest rank and the petitioners of exceptional worth."

F. W. S.

New York Alumni Club.

EDITOR BETA THETA PI:—Since my arrival in New York in November last I have been kept busy with fraternity matters, and there seems no prospect of the work becoming less. Through brother Fearn's genius and industry, Beta dinners are had on the first Monday of each month, from six to eight o'clock. The attendance is large, and as there are always a large number of old Betas present, the newcomer is sure of a pleasant and speedy introduction. The afternoon dinner is the most feasible plan of getting members together that I have ever seen tried, and I urge its adoption by all alumni chapters. The New York chapter is truly cosmopolitan in its make-up, and there is hardly a chapter of the fraternity that has not a representative in it.

In addition to the alumni chapter, Stevens and Columbia have excellent chapters, where the loyal Greek can enjoy Beta communings. In fact I think that Stevens chapter of this year will rank any chapter in the fraternity in all points of excellence. The division of Columbia College into so many departments and the absence of dormitories and halls works against the warm chapter life that we love to think of in connection with Beta Theta Pi, but Columbia Betas individually are of the best and we shall always have reason to be proud of Columbia chapter. The chapter is alive and aggressive, but working against tremendous odds, for the reasons above stated. The chapter meetings are interesting and the boys keep abreast of Beta progress.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon alumni club has leased the Hargous House, No. 435 Fifth avenue, for five years from May 1st. This is a wise step and must be followed by Beta Theta Pi. If we had a handsome building, either owned or leased, in which all Betas could rally on any evening of the week, it would help the alumni chapter and Columbia greatly.

I have thought that a mark on business cards showing that the person giving it was a Beta would be advantageous. As the majority of business men would hesitate to put *B Θ II* on the card for the reason that it would cause remarks from rival Greeks and endless questionings from barbarians, it has been suggested that three stars, thus ** * **, be stamped or printed on the corner of the card. This would mean nothing to the uninitiated but everything to those within the pale. I hope this private mark will be adopted at next convention. We are all busy in preparation for the dinner to be given to brother George Hoadly on the 29th inst. As it will be worthy of a full description in your pages I shall not anticipate it.

John I. Covington.

Fourth Annual Reunion of Ohio Betas.

The following circular has been sent to Ohio chapters and alumni:
DEAR BROTHER:—In accordance with the will of the Executive Committee, as expressed in its meeting at Delaware, Ohio, February 18th, the Fourth Annual Reunion of Ohio Betas will be held at Columbus, Ohio, Friday evening, April 29th, 1887.

The headquarters will be at the Park Hotel, where satisfactory accommodations have been secured. The parlors of the hotel will be at the disposal of the fraternity for its literary exercises. These are to consist of an oration by A. F. Keener, of Wooster, and a poem by Ralph Smith, of Denison chapters. Since it would be inconvenient for all to take ladies, it is deemed advisable that none be invited.

The music for the occasion will be rendered by Beta talent, the hope being that in this way a worthy rivalry may be engendered among the chapters in musical matters, and a precedent established for future re-unions. Chapters will please take notice and bring their quartets. This is expected to be a better attended, and hence more successful, reunion than any of its predecessors. The local chapter, ably seconded by the resident alumni, is exerting itself to this end.

In order that all arrangements may be completed, it is requested that you notify us at once of your intention of being present. Chapter corresponding secretaries will also send in the number of active members who will be present.

Address all communications to M. L. Milligan, 89 South High st.

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Committee on Arrangements.

Columbus, Ohio, April 6, 1887.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

WABASH.

The winter term of this college year was one upon which we look back with only feelings of pleasure. While we have not added to our number, we, nevertheless, rest satisfied with our record in society, the class room, in short, every sphere common to the college student. Our chapter having been handsomely entertained on several occasions by the Beta ladies, we recently canceled our debts by a most enjoyable party and dance which we gave in our chapter hall. In the oratorical contest last February, brother Daniels was awarded first place and will represent Wabash in the intercollegiate contest April 15th. This distinction was enjoyed by brother Thomson, '86, last year. In the election of a staff for *The Wabash*, Daniels was re-elected to the editorial chair. We received an unusual number of visits from the members of sister chapters and alumni during the past term, all of which we greatly enjoyed.

Our rivals remain on about the same footing as at the time of our last letter. Phi Gamma Delta has initiated two men and expelled one, Phi Delta Theta continues to "run in" an unwary prep. occasionally, and Phi Kappa Psi is still in the "miry clay." Beyond this little can be said except that two of our rivals lose men this term by failure to return.

The past term was one to be remembered by the students in general not only for the large number of social events, but on account of several other incidents calculated to relieve the monotony of college life. The anniversary of Washington's birth especially lingers in the minds of all. The literary exercises, "bogi" and class banquets came as usual, and with them came the long-talked of Sophomore exhibition. For nearly two months the Sophomores had been advertised to give an entertainment, consisting of three acts, namely; Presentation, Consternation, and Scatteration. When the time arrived the opera-house was filled by an audience expecting something novel, and in this at least it was not disappointed. The first act was composed of songs and witticisms, delivered at the expense of the other classes and the faculty. Between the first and second acts much ancient hen fruit and cabbage of doubtful order was smuggled in by the enraged Freshmen, who had borne the brunt of Sophomore ridicule. But alas! "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley." When the curtain rose for the second act it rose on empty chairs and a sign informing the people that the Sophomores' part of the entertainment was over and that the audience was expected to perform the last two acts. The sophs. has vanished through the "little side door" carrying their baggage, scenery and ill-gotten gains with them. They acquired much lucre and an unenviable notoriety.

The beginning of the spring term will also mark the beginning of a new feature in Wabash College life. One hundred and fifty of the

students will adopt knickerbockers as the college badge. This measure is of course meeting with great opposition from the modest and the long-legged element. There has been an unusual revival at Wabash this year in the athletic department, more interest being manifested in manly sports than for many years.

The college itself is highly prosperous. Since we were last heard from it has received \$60,000 in bequests, \$50,000 from the late S. S. Sabin, of La Porte, Ind., and \$10,000 from P. L. Smith, of Detroit, Mich. A new alcove containing books of a scientific nature has also been presented to the library, which is already the largest in the state. Prof. John L. Coulter, who is constantly receiving tempting offers from other institutions, has lately been asked to accept the presidency of the Iowa State University. He has declined the honor, however, and will remain at Wabash.

J. A. Greene, Cor. Sec.

AMHERST.

"O winter, ruler of the inverted year."

James Russell Lowell says: "Suppose we grant that winter is the sleep of the year, what then? I take upon me to say that his dreams are finer than the best reality of his waking rivals. 'Sleep, Silence's child, the father of soft Rest,' is a very agreeable acquaintance, and most of us are better employed in his company than anywhere else. For my own part, I think winter a pretty wide-awake old boy, and his bluff sincerity and hearty ways are more congenial to my mood, and more wholesome for me, than any charms of which his rivals are capable." Notwithstanding this beautiful eulogy, every Amherst alumnus will remember the proverbial dullness of winter term. This monotony was caused in great part by all sitting down and waiting for something to turn up. The term just passed however, has been one which many will remember with keen pleasure, despite the fact that our president vetoed the annual Senior dramatic entertainment.

As New England winters are long and severe, and especially so in this locality, a toboggan club of about 30 men from the upper classes was organized, to try to utilize the polar elements. Tobogganing—everyone has heard of it. The sport is deservedly popular on account of its exhilarating pleasure and comparative safety. Our chute was constructed in the early part of December and is situated immediately back of the gymnasium; being thus at the edge of the campus, the convenience was a feature which helped to make it attractive. The chute proper is about 1,000 feet in length and with the momentum acquired the toboggan runs on the crust of the snow a very considerable distance besides. There are many practical benefits derived from the sport, the principal one being the exercise obtained. Gymnasium work is bound to become a bore, and as the weather will permit no outdoor recreations, tobogganing furnishes a pleasant and health-giving substitute; any one who has ever tried it will attest this fact, as the walk from the bottom

back to the top causes the blood to warm and the color to mount to the cheeks ; and when arriving at the top to be immediately launched, as you think, out upon nothing, skimming along like a rocket at a velocity which makes any one but a mathematical fiend shudder to meditate on. The start is poetically described by Moore in the lines :

“Gone—like a meteor, that o’er head
Suddenly shines, and ere we’ve said
Look! look how beautiful!—’tis fled.”

The sensation experienced while on the descent is of a sort which I have neither wit nor words to portray adequately. A provincialism describes it as—“great.” There was, however, one thing we lacked, and which all the students are now convinced is necessary for highly successful tobogganing. A leading periodical must have had our club in mind when it gave utterance to—“tobogganing without girls is like the tragedy of Hamlet with Hamlet left out.”

The college lecture course committee, with their fine knowledge of student wants, gave us a series of entertainments which have received the highest praise. The course opened with a concert by the famous Archduke Joseph’s Hungarian gypsy band. This was followed by Bob. Burdette, the funny man, in the ever pleasing talk, “The Rise and Fall of the Mustache.” Then came the Temple Quartette, of Boston, who have justly earned the place they hold ; the quartette were assisted by Miss Jennie Lyman, of Troy, N. Y., a contralto of ability. The entertainment which followed was by a man who has made his name ever enduring in history ; I refer to Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer. The college was very fortunate indeed in the time of his engagement, as on the same day he received a summons calling him immediately to the scene of his former conquests. Mr. Stanley’s subject, “Through the Dark Continent,” was overflowing with personal incidents of a nature to which all listened with intense interest. This lecture was followed by one on the “Iron Chancellor,” Bismarck, by the Hon. George M. Towle, ex-consul to England and France. The next entertainment was a concert by the Amherst College Glee Club, and the Banjo and Guitar Club. It is sufficient to say they both sustained their high reputation. The librarian of a New York City library being asked what book was called for most the past year, replied, “Ben Hur.” It was the author of this famous novel, Gen. Lew Wallace, who was next on the course, and he delighted his audience by an excellent reading of “The Chariot Race,” from his celebrated masterwork. The following number was of an entirely new kind, a mosaic of wit, pathos, and eloquence, by the noted elecutionist, Prof. John W. Churchill, of Andover Seminary. The last entertainment of the course took place March 21st. The attraction of the occasion was the Germani Quartette, of Boston, assisted by Miss Jennie Van Holz, soprano, Mr. Leopold Lichtenberg, violin, and Mr. Leon Keach, pianist. The concert was a flattering success, brilliantly closing a successful course.

In the society world :—On the evening of March 4th the Chi Psi fraternity gave a *musicale* and dance at their house. The usual custom

of inviting one Senior from each of the other societies prevailed. On March 16th, the Sophomores gave a very pretty and successful German of about thirty couples, at the D. K. E. parlors. The German was led by brother Millikin of our chapter, and Mr. Baldwin, of Chi Psi. The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, on March 24th, gave a combination reception, German and dramatics.

In regard to Beta Iota. The chapter is surely enjoying a degree of prosperity and harmony peculiar to Betas. When the parlors are completely furnished, which will be the first part of summer term, the chapter will give a befitting reception. In athletics the chapter is still prominent. Dean, '87, is the acknowledged "strong man" of the college. Jacobs, '88, recently received the beautiful gold medal for breaking the record in the hurdle race at the meeting last fall. At said meeting Jacobs also captured three silver medals as first prizes. Three men, Steele and Smith, '88, and Pope, '90, were on the foot-ball team. Judson and Pope will play on the base ball club. Jacobs and Gard are training with the athletic team for the intercollegiate meeting at Hartford, May 27th. Palmer, '87, sings on the glee club, and is the leader of the Banjo and Guitar Club; on the latter we also have two other men, Wilbar, '88, and Cushman, '89. In the literary department we are weakest, but the chapter has been doing hard work in this line the whole of the past year. Goddard, '87, is one of the editors of the "Amherst Papers in Philosophy," published by the Senior class. Judson, '88, is one of the new editors on the *Amherst Student* board.

From the foregoing, I can safely venture the remark that our rivals are giving us no trouble. The best of good feeling and friendship exists between the different fraternities, the college is prosperous, and every one expects to enjoy life this term. Weather indescribable.

Homer Gard, Cor. Sec.

CENTRE.

Some months have elapsed since Centre's voice has been heard through the medium of THE BETA THETA PI, an interval which has in some respects been profitably spent by our chapter. An unfortunate mistake occurred in the last issue of the magazine, in the criticism of the Senior annual, in which we were handled very roughly indeed, for not handing in our report, when ours was one of the very first to be issued. It was a source of considerable annoyance to each and every member of the chapter, inasmuch as we had taken special pains to be prompt about the matter.

Just before Christmas, Brother Harry Whitthorn, our only representative in the present Senior class—and, by the way, a very prominent competitor for the validictory—was compelled to leave college on account of sickness. He is at present recuperating in the health-restoring land of California, and while he will not be able to return this year, hopes to be able to join us next fall.

Soon after the holidays we initiated Robert Caldwell, '88. He comes of good Beta stock and will no doubt make us a good man, being

a brother of Logan and Joe Caldwell, '81. We had a considerable brush with one of our rivals for him, but, as usual, came off with flying colors. At the recent election of the Camberlain Society, Jno. B. Dailey, '89, was elected one of the two speakers to represent them in the contest for the oratorical medal in June. Brothers Bowen and Caldwell were marshals for the societies at the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday. So you see we are active in college politics. One thing can be said of the chapter which could not have been said of it for a number of years, and that is that every member of it is connected with the two literary societies. We have recently introduced some interesting features into our meetings, and so far they have proven instructive and entertaining. Each member is compelled, or rather requested, to bring a short article on any subject he pleases, taken from some newspaper or books, and read it. The subjects have been diverse, in which the ludicrous and humorous extracts from the *Detroit Free Press* and the sublime and pathetic passages of English literature are mingled with effect. In regard to our prospects for new men, I can say that no one need be surprised if, by the issue of our next semi-annual, we have several new names to our roll. At present we have nine jolly Greeks who respond to the roll call, and the most perfect harmony exists among our members, so that we have no cause to complain.

Dr. W. C. Young has declined the presidency of the college, which was tendered him some time ago. Who will be elected now it would be difficult to say. Dr. Beatty will continue in office until his successor is elected. Except the Phi Delta Theta, our rivals are much weaker than last year, Sigma Chi has but four men, two of whom pass out this year. The chapter stands well in college and is fairly popular. Kappa Alpha has seven. This chapter has been steadily improving, and at present is in a fair condition. Phi Delta Theta has twelve, most of whom are very young and inexperienced. This chapter, in order to save itself from passing out of existence, was compelled to accept that which presented itself, and even went so far as to initiate "preps," something it has never done before. We are on exceedingly good terms with our rivals. Very seldom do we make mention of our "Beta girls," of whom we are very proud. Every year witnesses a contest between the fraternities for the favor of the fair sex; in this rivalry we have been very successful.

Dr. McKee, our worthy vice-president, has returned from a trip through the South for the benefit of his health, which has not been good of late. Mr. R. G. Evans, '77, has returned home, after spending several months pursuing a course of literature at Johns Hopkins University. Brother Briggs, '85, often honors us with his presence. In him the chapter has a devoted friend. G. W. Guest, returned yesterday from the Medical College of New York, where he has been since fall, receiving a course of lectures. Epsilon, from all reports, will be largely represented in the convention to be held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua.

Clarence Mathers, Cor. Sec.

COLUMBIA.

Although you have not heard from us in some time, do not think us dead, or even dormant. Alpha Alpha is again in first-rate condition, having eighteen names on her roll, nine more under consideration and one man pledged. The resident alumni are taking more interest in us than ever before, especially John I. Covington, Wm. R. Baird and A. M. Dyer, and our chapter's prosperity seems assured.

Great things are expected from the dinner to be given March 29th, in honor of ex-Governor George Hoadly, who has lately made New York his home. Invitations have been sent from Maine to North Carolina, and as far west as Ohio.—[See report elsewhere—Ed.]

Since college opened we have lost two brothers—J. L. Hurd, who has taken up business in Washington, and D. C. Adams, who has entered the Homeopathic Medical College, though he is still able to meet with us. The *Sopy*-Club meetings at Morelli's, where a *table d'hôte* is discussed the first Monday in each month, brings the Betas of the vicinity together in a very pleasant way. There were forty-three present at the February meeting and over thirty at that in March.

Our rivals in the order of their foundation at Columbia stand as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 29; Psi Upsilon, 38; Delta Phi, 18; Delta Psi, 38; Phi Gamma Delta, 34; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 67; Zeta Psi, 15; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 8; Phi Delta, 16; Delta Upsilon, 23; Theta Delta Chi, 16; Phi Delta Phi, 15. From this it will be seen that we are steadily gaining on our older rivals.

S. E. Gage, Cor. Sec.

TEXAS,

The chapter life of Beta Omicron has been for the past three months very much like our college life, *i. e.*, all work and no play. No vacations are allowed in the Texas University; recitations continue from Monday morning to Saturday evening without cessation, and at the close of a term we go from the recitation room on one day, into examinations on the next without a moments time for preparation. Our spare time is necessarily limited, but our meetings, although confined for the most part to the transaction of business, are never lacking in interest. They have been occasionally enlivened with literary exercises and singing, and it is rarely the case that we are compelled to separate without having spent a social hour.

Brother C. J. Evans found it necessary on account of hard times in the drouth-stricken distants of West Texas to return home last January for the rest of the session. We are very sorry to lose him, and miss his excellent recitation in the class room almost as much as we do his cheering presence in our meetings. The legislature brings us this year, as usual, the visits of one or two brothers from various parts of the state, Col. M. Roland Day, of Wooster University, '73, a charter member of Alpha Lambda chapter, is here from Dallas; and brother Hudgins, of Richmond chapter, comes as representative from Bowie county. We were also favored with a flying visit from A. H. Carrigan, of Throckmorton.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta have received this year, as they did last, the two highest honors conferred by the literary societies. Brother Weaver, after a close race with Mr. Knight, Kappa Alpha, was elected Commencement orator from the Rusk Society. Phi Delta Theta holds the corresponding position in the Athenæum. Since our last letter, Betas have been elected to two editorships on the staff of *The Texas University*, and to the office of critic in one and of recording secretary in the other of the societies. Our members have been identified with every beneficial or important enterprise started in the university. Besides the regular and active part our members take in Christian work, one brother deserves the credit of being a prime mover in two important measures of late date; one for the relief of the drouth sufferers, and the other for organized work in the coming prohibition campaign. Interest in the latter cause has increased in the university, as well as throughout the state, with wonderful rapidity, and many of the students will take the stump during the summer.

The criticism in our last letter aroused violent and somewhat personal ill-feeling against us in several of the fraternities represented here. Some of our rivals seemed to think that the letter was an expression of the personal opinions of the secretary, prompted by ill-will on his part, and even presumed that we as a chapter would support him, nevertheless. It is needless to say they were grossly mistaken. While we question their wisdom or justice in allowing the affair to assume a personal nature, we have found it both necessary, for the sake of restoring harmony between us, and a duty on our part where we have, however unintentionally, given our friends offense, to say by way of apology that we sincerely regret having said anything to wound their feelings or to injure them in the estimation of their friends. Looked at from their point of view, it was a severe and unprovoked attack, and had we foreseen the consequences the letter would never have been written.

To several offended fraternities we sent private notes of reconciliation which were certainly received in a most kindly spirit. The notes were not sent, however, to check any chapter letters of vindication or retaliation, as some of our rivals seemed to suppose. In fact we would much rather have had them send such letters, than to have personal ill-feeling arise; and in this connection we take the liberty to quote a sentence from the Sigma Mu's reply to our note:

"We saw the article referred to, but saw nothing in it from which to take offense, rather regarding it as in the usual line of fraternity letters wherein the chapter writing desires to assume all the prominence possible."

It is the wish of our chapter to institute at next Commencement (June 11th, 15th,) an annual banquet; and to this end we would like to hear at once from all loyal brothers throughout the state who can attend at that time. There are twelve resident Betas in Austin, and Dallas, we believe, has as many. Every college student knows what Commencement week is, and we have only to say by way of inducement that ours will come up to the highest expectations.

Wm. L. Stiles, Cor. Sec.

MISSISSIPPI.

We were deeply mortified to learn that our semi-annual report was not mentioned in the journal. The Oxford printer did not have the type to put it up in first-class style so we sent to Jackson to have it printed; sending very plain directions where to send the different copies, especially the one to the manager of the journal. [THE EDITOR will state that he was assisted in obtaining the semi-annuals by a certain chapter and reviewed every copy received by the latter, which should have missed none.]

Our anticipation of a prosperous session for the University of Mississippi has been only partly realized. The number of registered students is still smaller than it has been for some years past, being only 185. But while the attendance is not as large as usual, the faculty and every one who has observed closely the working of the university unite in saying that the deportment of the student body has been better than ever before, and that the recitations and examinations have shown a better preparation than the average. The slight change made in the faculty and government of the institution has, no doubt, contributed much to this change for the better in the boys. The new professor of Greek, Prof. Addison Hoge, is a most excellent scholar and teacher, and is loved and respected not only in the class-room, but by all with whom he comes in contact; while Dr. J. J. Wheat, formerly professor of Greek, by his logical and fervently eloquent lectures, makes the study of psychology and ethics truly interesting. At no period in the history of the university has there been so little friction and so much hearty good-will between faculty and students as this session. We think this is due in great part to the judicious management of the chairman, Prof. Edw. Mayes, and have little doubt that the trustees will permanently substitute a chairman of faculty for the office of chancellor.

The gymnasium, which has been useless all winter, is now in process of repair, and we hope to have it in beautiful trim in a week or so. Foot-ball has gone out of season, and base-ball has taken its place; but one or two practice games have demonstrated the fact that there is very little good material in college to make a club of. Heretofore Oxford, united with the university, could boast the best team in the state, but that boast can be made no longer.

No initiations have been made since the semi-annual report, and but one since our last report. Brother S. M. McWhorter and S. J. Jones failed to return after the Christmas holidays, much to our regret, for it made a sad gap in our ranks. The former is attending a commercial college at Lebanon, Tenn. The latter's extremely delicate health forced him to remain at home, where for a long time he was in a very critical condition. Brother G. T. Fitzhugh, now a professor in the Brookhaven Female College, paid us a flying visit shortly after Christmas. His visit was not made to us exclusively, but he condescended to favor us with his company during the early part of the day; as to whom he was with all the evening we could never find out.

The first state convention of the Y. M. C. A. ever called in Mississippi is now in session at Columbus. The three delegates selected to represent the Y. M. C. A. here were Betas. J. D. Burge, E. L. B. McClellan and J. B. McElroy were the three. J. B. McElroy, who had been dangerously ill for some time past, was advised by his physician to leave for his home in Columbus several days before the convention met in order to recruit his strength. He will return when the convention is adjourned.

The rival fraternities are about the same as before mentioned. D. K. E. still leads in numbers. They made an attempt to control the Hermæan Society, but met such firm opposition that they contented themselves with doing their duty as good Hermæans and did not cut up about it.

M. C. Montgomery, Cor. Sec. pro tem.

BETHANY.

Since our January letter we have received one barbarian into our mystic circle, Edgar O. Lovett, of Shreve, Ohio, a member of the Freshman class and student for the A. B. degree. He was coveted by both fraternities here, but Psi—call it luck or pluck—came out ahead once more. On the occasion of a visit from Prof. Baxter, of Hopedale, Ohio, '85, we gave a little *dopy*. There were also present Dr. Roger Williams, of Pittsburgh, a Phi Kappa Psi cousin, and uncle of W. L. Addy, and Mr. Beam, of the same city, the father of J. K. Beam. One week later we gave a banquet to the Beta girls at "Uncle Isaac's." There were present "our professors, so dear," James Beall and Miss Mary Beall, of Independence, Pa., and A. L. White, of Wheeling. A. Jones did the honors of the evening. After the assemblage had done justice to the "viands dainty" we passed the time in a march, singing with right good will the good old Beta songs, the Beta girls joining in with not less ardor.

At present we number eleven men. Our rival, Delta Tau Delta, has nine, I believe. Our chapter will lose four men this year by graduation. They will lose one. We think we have the first-honor man in the classical course. Our chapter meetings are on Friday nights. We usually pass the time in a social way after business is transacted. We have no formal exercises, which is perhaps to be regretted. Our literary societies demand all our time and talent in a literary way. Since our last letter several of our brothers have been in town who have not called. Such are not worthy of mention. We can only think that such Betas were never truly Betas, or they would not so soon have lost fraternity spirit. I had almost forgotten to mention, which I now do with pleasure, the return of J. F. Woolery who has resumed his work here and will graduate with his class. Although our graduating class will be small, Psi sends forth a goodly band, and it is proposed to kill a fat *dopy* on that occasion. All Betas coming our way are invited to join us.

Edwin Curry, Cor. Sec.

STEVENS.

Monotony has been no resident at Stevens in general and with Sigma in particular during the past winter. All of our members have taken active interest in college and fraternity matters. Our membership has not increased since our last letter, but we have men in view on whom the Beta mantle is destined to fall. C. Temple Emmet, one of our barbs, has left us to go west for the benefit of his health. However, we bid him not farewell, but *au revoir*, for we expect him to return next fall with renewed strength. Our remaining barbs are as fine a set of Betas as one would care to meet, and we feel a pride in them. Sigma's annual banquet, which was given at the Brunswick, New York City, was presided over by Chas. A. Hall, and was a complete success.

Hitherto we have meekly accepted what fortune has set before us, and have taken such college offices as fell to us by pure monumental merit, but the worm will turn. When the athletic association held its annual election we quietly but firmly made ourselves felt and got the best of corruption by fair and honorable means. We now have foot-ball captain, base-ball captain and acting lacrosse captain, and as these are all the captaincies there are, we naturally feel elated. By a strange coincidence that is wholly unintentional, muscle and Betadom seem to coincide here at Stevens. In regard to our rivals, if such they may be called, there is little to be said. They still pursue the even tenor of their way, which way is second tenor, it is needless to say.

STEVENS BANQUET IN NEW YORK.—The banquet held by Sigma at the Hotel Brunswick, New York City, on Thursday evening, February 17th, although a chapter affair and not general, was, however, the most notable event that had ever taken place in Beta history in this district. On this occasion there were present, John I. Covington, Albion Morris Dyer, Charles F. Beach, Jr., Cornelius James Field, William Oliver Barnes, Lewis Charles Mack, and the members of the chapter, Charles Andrew Hall, Druid A. Walton, James Lide Coker, Charles Volney Ken, Edwin Max Drummond, Humphrey Russell Smith, William Adair Magee, Henry Can Ferris, William Clark Hawkins, Charles Godfrey Richardson, Frank Moynan, Leonard Delliker Wildman, George White Merritt, Christopher Temple Emmet, and Walter Frye Phelps. The menu was varied and delectable. It is needless to say that the Betas present fully sustained the reputation of their fraternity in the gastronomical line. The arrangements for the banquet were made by brother Walton, and great credit is due him for the efficient manner in which he performed his duty. Brother Hall presided and was most agreeable in his role as toast-master. Russell Smith responded in a happy manner to "Wooglin and His Dog." Next general treasurer John I. Covington arose to the toast "Our Fraternity," and eloquently did he review his infancy as a Beta and his love which was still fresh for "Old Wooglin." He concluded with saying that he earnestly hoped soon to see Beta Theta Pi the power in

the east that she is in the west. James L. Coker, chief of Second District, responded to "The Second District" with his usual grace. To "A Beta Theta Pi Club in New York" Chas. F. Beach replied, and his wish that the Beta Theta Pi may soon have a closer organization in New York is seconded by all. Albion M. Dyer answered for "The Press," and C. J. Field to "The Beta Girls," both speaking to the point in a very entertaining manner. It is to be hoped that the interest that now seems to be awakened will cause the name of Beta Theta Pi to shine with a new lustre and bring about a more social organization here in New York of our fraternity.

C. G. Richardson, Cor. Sec.

RANDOLPH-MACON.

Our chapter life has been quiet since the last issue of the magazine. We have initiated no more men, nor do we expect to. We number nine, and are all congenial, hard-working boys. We are well represented in every branch of the college. Two of our number are on the foot-ball team, one on the base-ball team and two figure prominently in the tennis association.

The college is in a very prosperous condition. A large additional amount has been lately secured for the endowment fund, which is now over one hundred thousand dollars. A fine brick gymnasium is to be built soon. Randolph-Macon will have her first annual field-day at an early date. Some valuable prizes will be given, and the occasion is looked forward to with much pleasure. Xi will be well represented on that occasion. The literary societies will hold their annual public debates on the first and second Fridays in April. Brother Geo. Shipley is one of the debaters to represent the Washington Literary Society, and R. W. Patton to represent the Franklin Society. Patton is also the Franklin orator for the final celebration. Great interest is taken in the Y. M. C. A. Revival services have been conducted for the last three weeks, and much good has been done.

Our chapter was honored with a visit, not long since, from brother G. T. Patton, one of its alumni. Patton is on an engineering corps in Georgia, and is doing well. We also had a visit from brother Laws, of Alpha Kappa chapter. He says that the chapter is in fine condition, and invites any "Beta" to visit Alpha Kappa. We always look forward with much pleasure to each issue of THE BETA THETA PI. All of our members subscribe to it, and appreciate its value as a bond between the several chapters. We sincerely hope that the next convention will not see fit to withdraw Omicron's chapter. I know of several enthusiastic Betas who will be at the university next session, and am certain that they will build up the chapter as much as possible. We think that it would injure the other chapters in Virginia to withdraw Omicron's chapter. It gave us much pleasure to vote in favor of granting a charter for a chapter at the University of —. It has been Xi's opinion for some time that the fraternity has been too conservative recently.

We are on very friendly terms with our rivals, most of whom are in a good condition. The list is as follows: Kappa Alpha (So.), 12; Beta Theta Pi, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 7; Phi Kappa Sigma, 7; Sigma Chi, 4. Let me conclude by saying that we offer a hearty welcome to all Betas who can visit us.

J. Jordan Lake, Ass't Cor. Sec.

UNION.

Since my last letter, written in September, nothing of very great importance has taken place in our midst. As a college Old Union has settled herself down to hard work, and although a president doesn't seem to be forthcoming, the inner life of the college is progressive and aggressive. The policy of the college at present is to raise her standard, not by the reputation of a president or other external forces, but by the men she graduates. A man who pursues one of the four courses here must do grubbing through the whole term, since the examinations at the close of the term count for only five recitations, which precludes the possibility of a man lying around the whole term and then cramming up for examination, as in some of the larger colleges. Judge Loudon, our president *ad interim*, although his judgeship occupies most of the time, has an active and marked interest in the college. During the winter term he has given a reception at his home to each of the four classes in order, and very enjoyable times they were, too, for the society ladies of the city were also invited to make it more pleasant for us. The evening was spent in conversation and in discussing the "goodies" which the judge set before us, after which we spent a half hour in singing college songs.

The brotherly feeling which has always existed among the members of Nu does not seem to be in the ebb at all, and even extends itself actively among the alumni, which is proven by the very substantial manner in which they are aiding us in removing to our new hall; and especially brother Landreth, city engineer, has our thanks for the aid he has given us. The rooms are but a few rods from the depot and post-office, and are to be furnished with new carpets, electric light, etc., and, in fact, everything will be entirely new. We hope that if any brother Beta pass through Schenectady that he will step up into our rooms and give us a call. We can always assure him a ready welcome. We have initiated, besides the three mentioned in our last letter, W. S. Cassidy, '90; George G. Lewis, medical, '89; Fred. L. Comstock, '90, making us seventeen active members. Brother Harwood, who entered in the scientific course, left us at the close of the fall term to prepare himself for entering the classical course next year. Our rivals, if we have any, are all quiet, and there is no "rushing" to be done, because all available society material was taken at the beginning of the year. The Kappa Alphas are down to three in number, of which two are good men. The Psi U.'s have a pretty good number, but about one-half of their men are below a "good society standard." The Phi Delta Thetas are nearly as many as we in number, and they are

good students, but below the standard socially. The Alpha Delta Phis stand well in their classes and socially, but are not popular in college.

The D. U.'s are the poorest in scholarship! and social position; the Delta Phis stand at the foot in scholarship but at the head socially. The Sigma Phis have disappeared during the year and are classed among the deceased, their charter being taken away and their chapter house converted into a school. There is a rumor of a new society entering here but as yet no definite action has been taken.

A. J. Dilligham, Cor. Ed.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

During the present term two prominent events occurred to break the usual routine of college life. The first of these was the fourth annual pan-hellenic banquet, February 12th, at the Hotel Donavin. After greetings had been changed, sixty-five representatives of the six fraternities adjourned to the dining hall, where the tables were appropriately arranged in the letters P. and H. After the physical nature had been satisfied, toasts were responded to by members of each fraternity and songs were interspersed by the pan-hellenic glee club. Brother Ford, in behalf of Theta, spoke of the girls, our color bearers. The whole affair was a grand success, each banquet proving more enjoyable than that of the previous year.

The second event was the state oratorical contest of eight Ohio colleges. This was doubly interesting to us, for three of the orators were Betas. They sustained well the honor of Beta Theta Pi in its native state, the Denison and Wooster contestants taking second and third honors respectively. In fact, Brother Owen, being graded according to the per cent. system, was first, but according to the rank system, the one used, he was beaten by one point. Theta was much pleased on account of the large number of brothers who took the opportunity at this time to visit us. After the contest thirty-five Betas, hailing from six neighboring chapters, in company with our chapter, sat down to an old-fashioned, unpretentious spread. There impromptu speeches and rousing songs were the order of the occasion. It might be aptly termed a prelude to the re-union of the "Buckeye Chapter" in April. At this point, let me urge that vigorous efforts be made to cause the coming re-union to surpass all former ones. Theta expects to be there with a full delegation.

Our chapter hall has been recently repaired, so that now we consider it a model of elegance. The Beta girls have increased its attractiveness by making us the present of a beautiful banner for it. The usual elections of the Junior class have been held, and a fair share of the honors have fallen to our members. The form and management of the college *Transcript* will be of a different nature next year. The departments of the paper are placed under the control of managing editors. Brother Manly will have charge of the local columns, and Smith the exchange. Also, Brother Talbert has been chosen president of the lecture bureau.

Ernest A. Smith, Cor. Ed.

BOSTON.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of initiating into our chapter Mr. F. W. Proudfoot, '88, who, with brother Houston, '88, entered the college last fall after the death of their *alma mater*, the Chicago University. Both of these adopted sons became members of Psi Upsilon while at Chicago, and the chapter has been pleased to find the warm friendship between many members of the sister fraternity and herself strengthened by the newly widened allegiance of these two members.

Our class delegations now average four men, although we lose but two members by graduation next June. Theta Delta Chi, our sole rival, still outnumbers us and succeeds in filling many of the college offices with her own men. Her loss by graduation is somewhat serious, as it deprives her of seven of her strongest members. Our chapter work has had rather practical aims. Besides the regular literary program, we have recently given twenty or thirty minutes each meeting to a careful study of parliamentary law, based on Robert's Rules of Order. The knowledge and practice acquired have been of value to many of us in various society activities in the college.

Prof. Dorchester will sail for Europe June 1st, for a year's study. During his absence the work in prescribed English literature and rhetoric will be conducted by brother W. M. Warren. Brother Warren will also represent the college as Commencement speaker. Mr. James Geddes, Jr., has recently been appointed instructor in the South European languages, and will begin his work at the college next fall. President Warren is at present in Oxford, England; he will probably not return before September.

The seventh annual *Copy* of the New England chapters given in this city February 25th can only be mentioned here. A more extended notice will be found elsewhere in this number. It was an occasion of pleasant re-union and acquaintance-making.

Thomas B. Whiteside, Cor. Sec.

VANDERBILT.

Since our last letter the intermediate examinations have been held, and the second half session has begun. The pharmacy commencement occurred in February, and we lost two belonging to that department. Brother Fite will return next year, however. Brother Davis was one of the graduates, taking the Founder's Medal after a sharp contest. He is now manufacturing chemist for Spurlock, Neal & Co., wholesale druggists of this city. Harris, who is taking law this year, was elected chief clerk of the Tennessee Senate in January. The college annual, to be published by the fraternities, is an assured success. It has been named *The Comet* in honor of astronomer Barnard. Although this will be its first issue, it will no doubt in every way be worthy of Vanderbilt. The athletic association has paid off its indebtedness, and is preparing for the spring field sports. They came off on May 6th, the day on which the state oratorical contest takes place. The sports will include tennis, base-ball, running, jumping, etc. It is hoped that the

colleges of the state will send their best athletes to meet us. Dr. H. M. Pierce has donated a base-ball cup to be held by the Vanderbilt team until it is beaten.

Brother Pusey, of '86, who has been studying medicine in New York, has returned to his home in Elizabethtown, Ky., to spend his vacation. We regret to hear that brother Ellis, of '86, who has been teaching in the Missouri State College, has been compelled to return to his home in Kentucky on account of ill health. Brother Barnard has discovered one or two more comets since our last letter. We hope that as many of our old boys as can will visit us at Commencement and make the old hall ring with the songs of Beta Theta Pi.

L. S. Merriam, Cor. Sec.

KENYON.

The past term has seen but few changes in fraternity affairs at Kenyon. Our own chapter is in just the same condition as stated in our last letter, but, as we prophesied then, each one of our rivals has already lost several of its number, and so we may say that our relative position has improved. And from the way matters look now it appears most probable that the fraternities here will commence the next year on an almost even basis. This fact we consider favorable to us, for it will place the result of the campaign more upon the hard work of each chapter than upon the advantages of overwhelming numbers, such as was the case last fall. And we have resolved that Beta Alpha shall not be behind in this contest and only await with eagerness the coming year which will bring the material to work upon. It is so very seldom that a student enters Kenyon after the beginning of the regular college year that after a hot contest for the first two or three months, fraternity "rushing" is usually at an end until the succeeding Freshman class arrives. In the meantime, however, there is a great deal of competition in pledging the desirable men in the two highest classes of the preparatory school, and in this we have been very successful.

The numerical strength of the several fraternities here is as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 9; Psi Upsilon, 7; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 7; Theta Delta Chi, 4; Delta Tau Delta, 2; Beta Theta Pi, 3. In real position and influence, without any foolish conceit, we may honestly place Beta Theta Pi third. In college honors we have a very good record. Benedict has been made business editor of the *Kenyon Collegian*, a new monthly to be published by all the students, and Devin has received the position of managing editor of *The Reveille*, the regular college annual published by the fraternities. Although we are so few in number our chapter life together is very pleasant. We have a well furnished hall in the central part of the village, our meetings are regular, and, of course, every member is always on hand.

The principal event which comes to relieve the monotony of the winter term is the Junior Promenade, which is given annually by the Juniors in honor of the Senior class. The dance of this last term was an exceptional success, and we were favored with the presence of

brother Charles and Eber Tuller, '87 and '88, who brought with them a party of young ladies from Columbus.

The bishop of our diocese having entirely withdrawn his objections, it has now been fully settled to establish a superior Episcopal school for girls at Gambier in the buildings and beautiful grounds of Harcourt Place. Ten thousand dollars is to be spent in the new improvements, and the work on a new brick and stone structure has been commenced. The school will have no connection with the college, but of course the students are looking forward to its opening in the fall with a great deal of interest, and the advent of so many young ladies will probably add a new item to fraternity rivalry. At present our relations with the other fraternities are, with one exception, of a most pleasant nature and we aim to retain the regard of our associates.

Harry C. Devin, Ass't Cor. Sec.

IOWA STATE.

The affairs of our chapter have been running along about as usual and have been characterized by the prosperity in outside matters, and the internal good fellowship which is usual with us, the last being our peculiar pride. Often in "working" men we have said, and truthfully, too, that there has never been a "row" in our chapter, and this is, in the opinion of most of us, the keynote of our uniform success, that nobody in our school can point to any members of our chapter and say, "there are two unfriendly Betas," nor can they even say, "there are two uncongenial Betas."

The Sigma Chis are no longer represented in our school, the chapter having sent in its charter last fall. Our ranks have been swelled by one of their men, Edward B. Brande, '88, who was duly initiated into all the mysteries of Beta Greekdom the first part of this present term. He is a man that our entire chapter has looked upon with covetous eyes for more than a year past, and while we did not rejoice in the misfortunes of our friendly rivals, the Sigmas, it must nevertheless be confessed that it was with much inward satisfaction that we now saw a chance of getting a man who had always been at least thoroughly one of us, and who would have been a Beta in the first place but for the fact that in the whirl of a peculiarly hotly contested conflict with the other fraternities we did not know him until too late.

Several changes are to take place in the faculty of the university this coming June. President Pickard has resigned on account of failing health, and considerable interest is manifested on the part of the students as to who is destined to be his successor. Chancellor Ross of the law department has resigned, and is to be succeeded by Dr. Hammond who held this office several years ago. We also lose Professors Philbrick and Smith. These are all real losses to our school, but as men of ability will fill their places we hope to sustain none but the unavoidable lack of the daily presence of the kindly faces which have endeared themselves to us all.

Alpha Beta maintains her usual prestige in society and school affairs. Our place is just what a solid, congenial fraternity chapter should fill. So far as studies are concerned, we could ask nothing more, and will be ably represented this coming Commencement, and if an enemy should mention "society" to any of our Sophomores, he would point to the long line of "solid girls" and the aforesaid enemy would immediately wither away with envy. I will say, however, that the said "solid girls" are not attractive enough to keep our boys away from our regular chapter meetings. In our chapter life, while our proceedings, outside of the regular business meeting, are varied from time to time by a debate, and while some aggrieved Beta may sue one of his brothers for reparation, we, however, leave literature mainly to our regular societies and the school, and aim to make the chapter hall on Saturday evenings a place where every Beta may come and thoroughly enjoy himself, whether it be at games, "chaffing" a brother, or relieving himself of a week's restraint in berating some unfriendly schoolmate or professor without fear of repetition. We differ from some chapters, in not having an ironclad literary programme; but while our boys are none the less strong in their school work, and enjoy it just as much, we have at the same time come to regard the chapter hall as a place where every Beta, whether alumnus or undergraduate, can meet and thoroughly enjoy himself, with a mind free from care. Our "frat-hall" is our "home."

It has been our privilege to read recent numbers of the magazines of certain rival fraternities who have chapters here. We are at an utter loss to understand what certain references mean, and we are not aided by consulting the correspondence secretaries themselves. Perhaps the best plan is to pass these things by, as part of the usual twisted grass that is prepared for the feet of every successful chapter. Our outlook is bright. We will lose but one Senior next Commencement, as out of two one is a resident of this city. The stuff of which our chapter is made makes it highly improbable that we shall have any reverses, but should they come we shall be well able to bear them and retrieve them.

D. Powell Johnson, Ass't Cor. Sec.

IOWA WESLEYAN.

Our chapter has grown materially since the beginning of the fall term. Since then we have added six men, and our momentum will, I think, carry us on until as many more are added. I present the new names of Elsworth Rominger, Elmer Dougherty, and Charlie Dickey. Although Phi Delta Theta had the start of us by two months in asking for them, they concluded to wait and join the Betas. We now number fourteen. Brothers Owen Wilson and Frank Houseman will not be with us next term. The former goes into his father's store at Washington, Ia., and the latter to engage in business in Burlington, Ia. We shall miss them when the cloth is laid, for they were "death on *Δορυ*."

There will be some very good material in school next term, and we feel assured we shall be able to operate successfully on some of it. Phi Delta Theta, our only rival, has a membership of fifteen and has

several very able men. We are on the best of terms with them, and each recognizes the other as friends, though rivals. We are making arrangements for a banquet on the night of our nineteenth anniversary, June 16th. If you will cut this out and paste it in your hat, and remember it and come, we will guarantee you a good time.

Owen G. Wilson, Cor. Sec.

Leigh Woolson, Ass't.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

After a letter of such length and in so recent a number as January, Omicron was rather surprised when called upon to give another account of herself; and had it not been for some encouraging news that she had to send out to her sister chapters, she would have been inclined to remain silent. We are truly thankful that it is decreed that we are to live yet a little while. Rejoice with us, brethren, for once more the eternal fires have been lighted on our altar, and from it emanates that sweet incense which we love to breathe. Our rejoicing is due to the gathering in of *one* from the horde of barbs. We admitted to our sacred order, at our last meeting, S. L. Farrar, of Amelia county, Va., and in honor of the occasion carved a *Δορυ*, which was in no wise a mean one, as was verified by the manner in which our babe partook of the strange flesh. Brother Perkinson and ye cor. sec. performed the ceremony, and now instead of being *two* we are *three*.

Other than this, nothing more seems necessary to be said, save a few remarks in regard to some statements made in our last letter. In the January number it was stated that the ritual, constitution, records, etc., were not to be found. Happy are we that, after much letter writing, endless inquiries and ceaseless searching, all of the chapter property has been gathered together, and is now in our possession. Our prospects for next year are still poor, as it is certain that two of our three will not return, and it is extremely doubtful as to Brother Perkinson's return. So the advice given in our last letter applies as well now as ever, viz.: let our members of the colleges look up the men who are coming or expect to come here next year, and notify them of the situation, in order that they may act promptly and successfully.

We hope to be able to get some more men who intend to return next year. Let us say again that we do not think it advisable for the convention to take away our charter at its next meeting, for we look for a considerable influx of Betas next year. Our rivals are as stated in our last letter.

Hugh A. White, Cor. Sec.

W. H. Perkinson, Prest.

CALIFORNIA.

Since our last report we have initiated two men, Herbert C. Moffitt, '89, and Edward H. Stearns, '90. Although our active membership now amounts to seventeen, it is probable that it will be still further increased before the end of the year. To offset these two accessions,

however, we have to record the loss of two active members. Bakewell, '88, has withdrawn from college for one year, and W. H. Wentworth, '88, has ceased to be a member of the fraternity. About Wentworth, all that need be said here is that the chapter, after mature deliberation, was unanimously agreed that the continuance of harmony was dependent upon his withdrawal; and his resignation, presented on request, was accepted. As to Bakewell, we were all very sorry to lose him, even though he does intend to return next year. These accessions, both somewhat extraordinary, the resignation, and the leave of absence have all combined to make our lives during the last few months a period of great excitement, in which the resident alumni have shared. From this excitement we have emerged more closely united and more devoted than ever.

Foot-ball is now the center of interest to the Berkeley world. We were expecting to have a series of interesting games between the university team and others of the California league, but the league has disbanded, and it is not at all clear now what the university team is going to have a chance to play against. We have three men on the team—Turner, '87, who is captain, Stoney, '88, and McNear, '90. On all the class teams we are represented, having the captains in three of the classes. We have a chapter team which may play soon with one from Zeta Psi, the only other fraternity now having sufficient material for an organization of this kind. Although the foot-ball season will prematurely end, we shall be able to find an outlet for our athletic enthusiasm in base-ball. The university nine will soon begin playing in a series of games with local amateur teams. From the chapter, Kip and Turner are on the university nine. Another great point of interest to the college world is the annual Field Day, which will be observed in a few weeks.

The student-body has recently organized, under a constitution, in order to expedite the settlement of all matters of general student concern. The plan has not yet been in operation long enough to justify predictions of success or failure. Another recently formed organization of importance is the Pi Delta Lambda, a rhetorical society, membership in which is limited to fifteen, from the Senior and Junior classes. Of the charter members, four are from the chapter. The society has been eminently successful so far, and promises to become a prominent factor in student life. Charter Day was celebrated on the 23d inst., with brother Turner in the chair as president of the day.

The other fraternities here are not all badly off. In fact, the present Freshman class has furnished good delegations to more than one of them. Phi Delta Theta is completing her first year in unexpectedly good condition, Sigma Chi in expectedly poor condition, while it is not quite evident how Phi Gamma Delta will develop. There seems to be room for each to grow in its own particular way.

Finlay Cook, Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND.

Since our last letter no marked events have occurred to render Alpha Kappa fortunate or unfortunate in the pursuit of her career. We are peculiarly blessed at this college by being so arranged as to have our men constantly together, thus causing a closer intermingling and association which could not be had were we otherwise situated. The college is now in a most prosperous condition, having recently received large gifts from liberal-hearted men. The improvements are slow but gradual and the college is destined to be one of the finest in the South. Its faculty consists of men of marked ability while its course can not be surpassed in thoroughness. The public debate of the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society occurred a few weeks ago, and we were represented on that occasion by brother Wilbur, who acquitted himself handsomely. The Betas, as a usual thing, take quite an active part in the literary societies, and although they are ruled in a great measure by non-fraternity men we manage now and then to capture an honor.

We shall be so unfortunate as to lose two of our men in a few days. Brother C. L. Laws leaves to engage in business with his father, while E. B. Kinney has accepted the position of organist in one of the large churches of New York City, where he will go the 1st of May. Though this loss has come to us, we shall still number among the largest fraternity here. We see the brothers of Xi chapter quite often, and are in anticipation of a reunion between the two chapters in a few days. Our brothers in the city meet with us quite often. Our prospects for next year though not brilliant are quite promising. We expect to return with five men which will give us a good start. We lose only two by graduation, Harris and Roy. We cordially invite all Betas passing through Richmond to stop and make us a visit.

C. D. Roy, Cor. Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The catalogue of the university, lately issued, shows a gratifying increase in the number of students, who now number 1,090, and the professors, instructors, etc., number 136. During the past term there have been frequent lectures at the university free to students. A chemical laboratory will probably be built during the coming summer, the present accommodations being insufficient. A movement is on foot to build a new library and to raise one million dollars endowment for the college. Another story will also be added to the biological building during the summer. Following the example of the English universities, the students have adopted the wearing of the Cap and Gown during college hours. The innovation has been a gratifying success so far.

Our rivals remain about the same as regards numbers, a few having taken in one or two men apiece since our last letter, but we have no way of finding out their numbers accurately without asking the different fraternities. Since our last letter we have initiated one man, James William Rabe, '88, medical department. Brother Seyfert has been elected member of the college base-ball nine. He is also president of

the base-ball association of the college. None of the officers of the Senior class belong to our chapter, as the class elections are run by two or three fraternities, and it would be impossible to compete with them without entering into combinations. We shall be pleased to exchange college annuals with our sister chapters, and would like those willing to exchange to notify us as soon as possible.

Robt. S. Maison, Cor. Sec.

OHIO STATE.

For Theta Delta the winter term has slipped away quietly enough. The fall term saw all the available fraternity material thoroughly culled, and nearly all the initiations made. Then it was that our chapter meetings were full of excitement and exultation, as we discussed the merits of this man or that, formed deep-laid plans for the discomfiture of the enemy or received tidings of victory. But though our chapter life has not of late glowed with so much excitement and zest, a deep and quiet earnestness has pervaded it which has borne fruit in the conspicuous position of the chapter in college affairs, and in continuance of perfect harmony and good fellowship among our brothers.

At the first meeting of the term our chapter roll included ten names, which were speedily increased to eleven by the initiation of Mr. C. P. Sigerfoos who has abundantly fulfilled our expectations and shown himself to be of the stuff of which Betas are made. We sustained a heavy blow in the loss of H. T. Stephens who left us not long ago with the intention of casting his lot among the boys of Lambda. He was a most enthusiastic and loyal Beta and a warm-hearted and generous brother. We now number ten, and several other brothers meet with us regularly who are not in attendance upon the university. We shall lose only two by graduation at the coming Commencement, since brother Siebert, our third Senior, has concluded to remain with us another year. We have two pledged men, both of whom we shall initiate during the coming term. The present Senior class is especially strong in fraternity material, and all the chapters here will lose their best and most active members upon its graduation. We feel, however, that our prospects for the next year are better than any of our rivals.

A strong and vigorous combination has been in existence here during the current year, whose avowed purpose it is to make a clean sweep of college officers and honors. Although this combination has a clear majority in the Senior class, in a spirit of magnanimity which does them credit, they gave several honors outside their clique, the best of which fell to our share. It is altogether probable, however, that they have succeeded in gaining more than they would if they had stood forth upon their merits alone. As we have stated more than once before, it has always been our policy to hold aloof from such combinations, and this policy we have steadily pursued with the result that, though we have not as many offices as our rivals, we have many more friends among the students at large. Still we have not been altogether

without honors. Brother Hyde will deliver the valedictory next class-day, we have two representatives upon Alcyone anniversary which occurs next term, Raymund is local editor of *The Lantern*, and we are well represented upon the roster of the battalion. In scholarship our record has been equalled by none.

Viewed from a social standpoint, the term has been an exceedingly pleasant one. Several very enjoyable gatherings have been held, and our symposium has become an established and triumphant success. Nothing of interest and importance has occurred in the Greek world since our last letter. Some few initiations have, indeed, been made, but they were marked by no stir in fraternity circles. Suggestions in regard to a pan-hellenic banquet are rife, but no conclusion has as yet been reached, and it is hardly probable that anything will be done.

The term just passed has been notable for a display of class spirit, which found expression in class hats, "rushes," banquets, and an unlimited amount of boasting. The Sophomore class, with a laudable desire to signalize itself, appeared one morning in Oxford caps, for the possession of which they were compelled to run a tilt with '90. Both sides claimed the victory, but it is generally agreed that the faculty came out "on top." The Juniors, not to be outdone, came out in cassimere plugs and banqueted the Seniors on the 22nd of February, the first affair of the kind in the history of the institution. Good work has been done in all departments of the college, and we feel that we are approaching every day nearer the ideal of the true university.

G. Glenn Atkins, Cor. Sec.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

There is quite a stir in fraternity circles here just now. The spring term of college began March 29th, and a number of students came back who had been here before and a good many new ones entered. Last evening, April 2nd, Delta Tau Delta initiated two men, both of whom had been invited by Phi Delta Theta. The Phis voted in several men at their meeting last night and to-day "spiked" among others a man whom we shall bring out in a few days as a pledged man.

The relative position of the fraternities here has changed somewhat within the last three years. The motto of Phi Delta Theta seems still to be always, "numbers at any sacrifice," and in consequence they often take in men before they have an opportunity of becoming well acquainted with them. Thus they have a very strange mixture of morality and immorality, ability and worthlessness, good fellowship, and "general cussedness." On account of the rows which occurred at every meeting they have only been meeting of late when they had business to transact. Delta Tau Delta used to be characterized as "the preacher's fraternity"; not, we believe, because she has graduated nearly so many ministers as Beta Theta Pi, but because of a certain sort of ministerial bearing that seemed to be expected of her members. At present Delta Tau Delta consists of two very distinct wings; one consisting of "kids" without any qualifications for fraternity men so far as outsiders are able

to see; the other consisting of men of plenty of ability but in most cases having none of the other required qualifications for Betas. During the many years when the Delta Taus were the preacher's fraternity and the Phis looked upon fun as the chief end of college life, Beta Theta Pi was considered as standing between these extremes, and, so far as we can learn, her standard has never been changed much. Her requirements in the order of their importance are about thus: 1st, such social qualities as will make chapter life pleasant; 2nd, morality; 3rd, scholarship; 4th, literary ability, and, 5th, the desire of our rivals to have the same man.

In the election of speakers for the June contest between the literary societies, Worstell was elected essayist from the Philomathean Society and Reed orator from the same. Higgins was elected president of the Philomathean Society for the coming term. The fraternities here are simply ignored by the faculty as a faculty though individual members may take quite an interest in the affairs of their respective fraternities. Prof. Dunkle is almost always with us when we have an initiation or other important business. In college politics the same plan is carried out, and it is seldom that a candidate either gains or loses votes on account of his fraternity relations.

At the oratorical contest at Delaware brother Humphrey and myself had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of Betas from the different colleges and of enjoying with them the noted hospitality of the boys of Theta.

G. W. Reed, Cor. Sec.

CUMBERLAND.

Since our last letter Mu chapter has been considerably reduced in numbers, but its prosperity and enthusiasm seems to be undiminished. In all we have lost ten men. In the law school we miss brothers Devine, Fitzpatrick, Martin, Rucker, and Sneed, all taking degrees except Devine, who was merely reviewing the course. We have lost from the literary department Butler, Harding, our old cor. sec., Noble and Ward. Brother Crawford, of the theological school, also left us in February to take charge of a church in Kentucky. We have initiated one man and have pledged three more. The initiate was J. W. Sparks, of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Brother Sparks is a member of the law department and is a son of the present state senator. We are exceedingly glad to have with us again brother Ritter, who has returned to complete his theological course. Notwithstanding our severe losses, Mu is in as prosperous a condition as we have ever seen it. We have regular, well-attended meetings at our hall. We have recently revised our constitution and by-laws. The most important change was to make literary exercises a necessary part of the business of every regular meeting. This is a feature with which all our members seem to be well pleased, as most all take great interest in literary exercises. Varied as they are from time to time, they seem to relieve the monotony of routine business and make our chapter life not only more pleasant, but also

instructive. We are on friendly terms with our rival, S. A. E., although they have not abandoned their favorite scheme of having candidates for honors whom they have not badged.

Two of our literary societies will send representatives to the state oratorical contest. One society will send brother Kirkpatrick and the other will send a S. A. E. Brother Owsley has been elected a member of the executive committee that has charge of the contest. The contest will be between all the principal colleges of the state, and will take place at Nashville on the 6th of May. Mu will have the only Beta representative. We have a good college nine, five of which are Betas, including pitcher and catcher.

Cumberland University will soon receive an addition to her endowment of a hundred thousand dollars. Brother Fite, of Beta Lambda, who has been attending the school of pharmacy at Vanderbilt University, has returned home and now attends all our meetings. We recently had a visit from brother Ward who is now in the First National Bank of Birmingham. We are always glad to receive visits from Betas, and always strive to make their stay with us pleasant.

O. T. Stone, Cor. Sec.

HANOVER.

The relative position of the fraternities at Hanover has not materially changed since our last chapter letter. Almost all good material in the Freshman class was secured during the fall "rushing" season, and but few first-class men have entered the college proper since. We maintain our usual number of ten. Two changes have occurred in our chapter roll since the issue of the December semi-annual. H. F. Patton, '89, did not return after the Christmas holidays, but will resume the studies of his class next year. He was the honor man of '89 in scholarship and second in oratory, and his loss, though but temporary, is greatly regretted by his chapter. To compensate for this loss, W. L. Riley has returned to college and will continue with his old class, '89.

Our four rivals are, generally speaking, in good condition. Phi Gamma Delta, though having no members in the Sophomore or Senior classes, is a strong chapter in many ways. They stand well generally in the class room and have some men who excel in other directions. The Hanover chapter of Sigma Chi, formerly one of the strongest in the fraternity, has deteriorated considerably of late years. They have been very unfortunate in the failure of their undergraduates to return from year to year. Seven of their twelve members graduate with '87, which will leave them in an enfeebled condition at the beginning of next year. Aside from these things, they have some excellent classmen, and secure their share of college honors. Phi Delta Theta is in a very fair condition and has some good men. Here, as it seems elsewhere, they rely too much upon numbers and select men before thoroughly acquainted with them. By this means they frequently select men who are not of real merit. Delta Tau Delta has only three

members; these all in '88, and they apparently are making no efforts to increase their membership. Unless they soon arouse themselves we predict an early death for their chapter here. With each of our rivals we are on the best of terms, and will unite with them in holding the annual pan-hellenic banquet during Commencement week.

Our chapter life has been unruffled during the present year. Since our chapter is small we easily maintain the most harmonious relations. We initiate no one without the hearty consent of every brother. By using such precaution we secure only such men as will feel at home in our midst. Scholarship and moral worth are important criterions by which we measure men, and experience has abundantly shown us that these are our safest standards. Our chapter meetings are devoted almost wholly to social culture and improvement. We have relegated literary work to its proper sphere in the literary halls, and the change is in every way satisfactory. Our meetings are held on Saturday evening of each week, and we endeavor to make the occasion a refreshing relaxation from college duties.

Not long since we had the pleasure of entertaining for a few days brother R. F. Evans, '86. He has recently accepted a position in Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn., as professor of mathematics and natural sciences. The best wishes of his chapter go with him in his new field of labor.

The prominence of Beta Theta Pi as to speakers last Commencement bids fair to be repeated this year. William Torrence, '63, has been selected to deliver the address before the college alumni, and S. N. Wilson, '72, has been chosen to deliver the diplomas of Philalthean Society. Some other places have not yet been filled.

The primary oratorical contest at Hanover took place on the evening of April 4th. According to the "merit system" adopted by our local association last year, the delegates as well as the speakers are selected upon the merits of their speeches. There are, then, three honor positions, the successful contestant being speaker and first delegate, the second and third contestants being respectively second and third delegates. The first position was awarded to Irwin, Sigma Chi, second position to Bridges, Beta Theta Pi, third position to Voris, Sigma Chi. The "Sigs" have rather had a monopoly in Hanover in this line for several years. But they will hardly be so successful in the future. We have a number of good speakers "growing up" who give promise of being first-class orators in the near future. In college and society we continue to receive our full share of class and exhibition honors; but we shall reserve an enumeration of the same for the May semi-annual.

T. Reed Bridges, Cor. Sec.

BROWN.

The end of the college year is near at hand, the spring recess is over and in every department the classes are preparing for the final examinations. Outdoor sports are now in order, being introduced by the boat-club ball on Easter Monday, which is one of the leading social

events of the year. The Hammer and Tongs Society are to bring out some amateur theatricals in aid of the ball nine. The Junior class are making preparations for their annual celebration, while the activity of the Class-Day committee of the Senior class foretells a day equal to any of the previous classes. The *Liber Brunensis* has been published and is in great favor among those whom it has failed to notice.

Since our last letter two notable fraternity events have occurred. The "Annual *Copy*" of the New England chapters, held at Boston, under the patronage of the Boston University chapter, and presided over by Judge Aldrich. Kappa was represented by her entire chapter with many of her alumni. The affair was very enjoyable and a great success. Then came the ex-Gov. Hoadly dinner at New York, March 29th, 1887, which the representatives of Kappa report as a most excellent and enthusiastic time.

We have as yet initiated only two men from '90, but have two more from the same class pledged for next year, and we have begun our campaign work among the men who will be in the entering class. Our chapter has been small in numbers this year, but our interest in the fraternity and our courage for the future is as strong as ever. While some of our rivals have been more prosperous in securing men than we, yet the reputation is given us as of one among the leading societies in college, and we are in most friendly relations with all societies represented at Brown. Our alumni and active members are rejoicing in the fact that the convention is to be held this year at Chautauqua, and we now expect to be represented there by a large delegation.

C. F. Smith, Cor. Sec.

MICHIGAN.

Thus far Lambda has enjoyed a most prosperous year with a minimum of friction and a maximum of harmony. Our fossilized "house question" has been granted new life and we have little doubt that it will soon have power of locomotion. We shall not here detail its appearance in its new dress, but as our kind and benevolent alumni are interested in all of our schemes we shall favor them with a private introduction in the near future. Since the date of our last letter we have added one Freshman and two Juniors to our list, but, on the other hand, we have had the misfortune of temporarily losing one Junior and one Sophomore, so that after balancing circumstances we find ourselves a trifle in advance in point of numbers. The initiations have been attended with much zeal throughout the year, but in particular January 15th was the occasion of a most enjoyable affair. The candidate was a barbarian of two years' standing, but through the magic power of "Wooglin's canine" he was metamorphosed into a devout Greek. Brothers Beal, Cady, Baughton, Mosely, Hunt, Stevens and Payne were present and joyfully assisted in the pleasant undertaking. The ceremony was justly completed with a banquet and a toast.

Fraternity life in general flows along about the same course, with an occasional ripple here and there. During the times of college elec-

tions the different combinations necessarily produce some friction, but, upon the whole, I can see an increasing harmony among the various rivals. One of our once "self-sufficient" fraternities is obliged to relate its glorious exploits in "what we have done," but as for the others I know of no special change. As a fraternity, among so many prominent ones of the country, we feel proud of our position; and as students of such an organization we are pleased to give the following expression as the words of one of our prominent non-fraternity professors: "In my opinion the Beta Theta Pi fraternity is the one secret society among us which surrounds its members with that atmosphere which is conducive to gentlemanly ways and mental development."

L. B. Lee, Cor. Sec.

L. R. Doud, Ass't Cor. Sec.

DICKINSON.

We have held two or three little suppers recently, but future remembrance will not be as likely to lead us back to the *dopy* days as to some other more important occasions. The former may be entirely forgotten in days to come; but who of us is going to forget the daily associations with each other, the frequent seeking one another out, the talks, the long walks, the readings, the story telling, the song, the partnership in dreams of the future, the needed admonitions and encouragement, the lessons in the integrity of true friendship and all those superadded little occurrences which, more than the conviviality of banquets, make revelations of character so vivid, and impressions so lasting? I hope we will not be counted as heretics, if we claim that the formal chapter meeting constitutes but half the good in fraternal life. Not that we depreciate that, for seldom is there an absentee from our meetings—never, except for cause. Prof. Dare, of '83, is with us weekly, besides, and our variously directed meetings are always enjoyed by the whole crowd. Alpha Sigma makes loyal Betas.

We hear that the Phi Kappa Psi correspondent has attacked us in the columns of their journal. We don't propose to take up a quarrel with this chapter, which contains within its crowded ranks no token of victory over us, while, on the other hand, one of our pledged men was taken from their very midst after a conflict lasting several months, and with circumstantial advantage almost entirely in their favor. We have at least two or three in our ranks who may be also considered as trophies of victory over Phi Psi. For some of its men we have a high regard, too, and believing that its correspondent's loose statements are harmless, yet for general information we beg leave to deny that we have met with more than one defeat in at least two years, and that under circumstances enumerated in our last letter. We indulge the faint hope that the one or two men who were "rushed" by about all the chapters here and still remain barbarians have the same respect for Phi Psi that they have expressed for us. As to the charge of lack of union, that is too absurd to need refutation. So marked an emphasis is laid by us on unanimous action that we can not understand our Phi Psi friend at all.

We have two of the best men of '91 pledged and have a good outlook for the future. In addition to distinctions heretofore noted, Lake was elected Class-Day prophet of '87, the largest class graduated from Dickinson in many years; and Reynolds was elected a U. P. anniversary speaker.

F. M. Welsh, Cor. Sec.

NORTHWESTERN.

Things have been moving along quietly during the past winter at the college by the lake. Northwestern chapter has enjoyed the interval since her letter, by quietly staying at home. We have had no special campaign excitement, though we have been amicably sparring with Delta Upsilon in that line. We are glad to say that fraternity animosity is rapidly giving place to friendly interest among all the Greek-letter societies, and we are sure that Beta Theta Pi has nothing but good-will towards all the chapters at Northwestern.

We were mistaken when we said in our last letter that Psi Upsilon would probably soon enter Northwestern. Things didn't turn out as we expected. But there was considerable material in college to form a new chapter, and the fraternity men were not surprised at the appearance of Phi Delta Theta. The new chapter is a revival of the Illinois Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, which became defunct twenty or thirty years ago. It started out with a charter membership of ten and since its organization has held two initiations. The chapter is said to have good financial backing, and, altogether, it has made a good start and has fair prospects.

On February 22nd our second annual University Day celebration was held. All the departments were fully represented, and the affair was a brilliant success. We are glad to note the cordial interest that the different departments take in each other. It speaks well for the growing popularity of our university. The most interesting feature of the day was the opening of the new Hall of Science. This building has been in process of erection for nearly a year, and it is not only a handsome addition to the campus, but its appointment for scientific investigation and instruction are unsurpassed.

The question of "prep." initiations has been much discussed in the chapter during the past term. It has heretofore been our custom to initiate pledged Senior "preps." during or just before Commencement week. But after much earnest discussion *it was finally resolved by a unanimous vote to initiate no more "preps."* We shall pledge men in the preparatory school as before, but hereafter we will initiate none but regularly matriculated undergraduates. When the decision of the chapter was made known to our pledged "preps.," of whom we have five, they readily understood the reasons why they should not be initiated until after they had entered college, and, like sensible fellows, were willing to forego their own pleasure for the good of the general fraternity. Our boys are loyal.

Brother Hamilton, '79, is living at Evanston now, and we almost regularly see his smiling face at our meetings. Brothers Lord, Hatfield,

Bloom, and Hursford are with us frequently. Let us see more of our alumni who live in Chicago and vicinity. We had the pleasure of meeting Andrews and Millard, of Lambda chapter, recently in our hall. It does us good to see Betas from other chapters, who are always welcome.

Harvey R. Calkins, Cor. Sec.

BELOIT.

The past term has been a good one for Chi. We have learned some valuable lessons that, if followed up, will greatly improve the chapter's record. We have been much impressed with the value of the ideal brotherhood of members of the fraternity, and with the necessity of making the actual relations of the chapter men approach, as near as possible, to the ideal and congenial. We are trying to be a *unit* in those respects that demand unity, in both interior and exterior chapter. We find that strong and marked chapter life is vitally connected with the same idea, and that as it is positive, decided and full of vigor, the deeper is our interest in it and in each other.

The principal events of the term were the Home Contest and the Greek play. Beloit is, at present, the only college in the Wisconsin Oratorical Association, so that the Home Contest, held in the opera house, Friday evening, March 25th, was, virtually, the state contest, and Mr. Haven, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, who took the first place, will represent Wisconsin at the inter-state oratorical contest. He was closely crowded for his place by both brothers Montgomery, who took second place, and Norcross, third. Montgomery's oration on "Abraham Lincoln in American Character" gained universal attention and much favor.

The Sophomore class gives each year a rendition of some Greek drama read during the winter term. This year's class read and produced Aeschylus "Prometheus Bound." The rendering showed on the part of every member of the class a careful study of his character, and attention to minuteness of detail that was very gratifying to Prof. Emerson, their instructor, and added to the interest of the audience in the progress of the drama. Several interesting essays were read; among the rest one by brother Kummel. The play was given in the college chapel on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 28th. On the invitation of Prof. Emerson the corresponding class from Rockford Female Seminary attended in full force. Later in the afternoon a reception was tendered to both classes and the faculties of both institutions by Mrs. Emerson. The affair was quite elaborate and yet pleasantly informal.

Prof. R. D. Salisbury, a well-known alumnus of the college and chapter, leaves soon to travel and study abroad for a year. At the banquet to be given in his honor the first week of the coming term, brother Montgomery will be the presiding officer and brothers Hyde and Sedgwick have parts on the program. W. S. Axtell and "Hi" Densmore, both of '86, spent a day with us not long ago; rumor says, with an object.

The college is taking a fresh start under President Eaton, who is a deservedly popular man with both students and alumni. We look confidently forward to a period of great prosperity for both our college and chapter.

A. H. Armstrong, Cor. Sec.

INDIANA.

Eighteen students now call each other brother in Pi chapter. The increase of three since my last letter to the magazine is due to the return of J. F. Thornton, who has been attending the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the initiations of Edward Schulte and Chas. W. Cook, both of '91. We shall lose four this year by graduation, but out of the fourteen undergraduates certainly enough will return next fall to put us on a firm footing. Brother J. H. Howard, '87, has been selected to act as tutor in Latin and mathematics in the preparatory department, by which appointment the chapter feels highly honored. A very pleasant occasion was the evening of March 8th, when Betas and their ladies to the number of over thirty gathered in the hall and spent the evening in social amusements including songs and music. At a late hour a light collation was served at a restaurant after which we returned to the hall and enjoyed ourselves until the "wee sma' hours o' the morning." The occasion was rendered the more enjoyable by our piano—a late acquisition.

Albert Miller., Cor. Sec.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Nothing of special importance has happened to Gamma since the last issue of THE BETA THETA PI. This has been a very quiet term in our college and has been chiefly characterized by steady, honest work. Our chapter life has been of that quiet and enjoyable sort that betokens a fixed strength, and our meetings have been well attended. Life among our rivals, so far as getting in new men is concerned, has been more active than with ourselves. The Phi Delta Thetas number twenty-three men. Their chapter is probably the strongest in the college at present. The Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities are also strong and thriving. The Phi Kappa Sigmas have been very active these last two terms in "spiking" and "roping-in" new men. We have about two hundred students attending college this year and about half of this number are Greeks. Taking it altogether, fraternity life is in a very good condition in Washington and Jefferson at the present time. Of course, we don't all pull together, for that could not be expected, as our interests so frequently clash one with the other.

In regard to our annual athletic performance, we are to have Field-Day this year, a contest between each of the four college classes, instead of Olympics as formerly, which was a contest between the Junior and Sophomore classes only. Our college annual, the *Pandora*, issued by the Junior class, promises from these early indications to be "a thing of beauty."

To return to our chapter: Gamma, while not crowded with members, has that strength and solidity which far excels the power of numbers—she has unity. A true Greek spirit prevails, and, conscious of her great alumni and of the work she has done, we confidently hope and expect for her a bright and prosperous future, like her past and present.

Rush T. Jones, Cor. Sec.

WESTMINSTER.

Though the period since our last letter has been in that part of the college year usually considered as dull, it has by no means been so with Alpha Delta. Four weeks ago brother C. F. Hersman returned from his labors at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, and now lends his presence at our meetings. Two weeks later J. M. Grant departed to attend the course of spring lectures at the same institution. We have initiated no men since November 20th, but our "quadruplets" of that date are doing well in all respects. We still meet in private rooms, but hope to possess a chapter hall in the near future. Our meetings are well attended, and are quite lively and enjoyable. A social given at the residence of one of our fair Beta sisters, February 25th, was attended and enjoyed by nearly all the members and their girls. Wooglin's delicious *dopy* was sacrificed as usual. For the first half of this college year the Betas beat their rivals, of Phi Delta Theta, over five in grades; the former getting an average of 93, the latter 88. The Phis are very quiet and almost all of them are passably friendly.

Dr. C. C. Hersman, Westminster's president, has been called to fill a vacancy in Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. No successor has been chosen, but sentiment seems to be in favor of brother H. C. Evans, class of '81, now vice-president of Synodical Female College at this place. Dr. J. G. Reaser, professor of metaphysics, has also been called to fill a position in Carthage Institute, Carthage, Mo., but will in all probability remain with us. Alpha Delta will graduate two A. B.'s this year out of a class of seven, and has two June speakers out of the four. Though our chapter seldom has visitors, we are none the less glad to see them when they do come, and to all Betas we extend a cordial invitation.

W. L. Black, Ass't Cor. Sec.

MAINE STATE.

Since the December semi-annual was issued the members of Beta Eta have been enjoying their winter vacation, and hence it becomes my duty to record the doings of only about seven weeks of active chapter life. Our members were all back at the commencement of the term and were ready for work. Suitable material was noticeably scarce and as a consequence we have but one new man pledged, who will probably join us next term. We have been working vigorously, however, and hope soon to add another man to the chapter roll of

membership. Our meetings are interesting, a reasonable amount of time being devoted to literary and musical exercises, and the social features of college life receive a share of the attention of the chapter. On a recent evening we entertained the young ladies of Bangor, Orono and Old Town at a social gathering. The evening's diversion consisted of instrumental and vocal music by members of the chapter, and during the latter part of the evening light refreshments were served. We understand that during the ride home the young ladies voted it the best college sociable they had ever attended. Several alumni of the chapter were present. The chapter had the good fortune of being represented by two members at the annual *doop* of the New England chapters, held February 25th, at the Parker House, in Boston. L. G. Paine, '85, of Providence, R. I., and J. D. Lazell, our delegate, were both able to be present. Brother Lazell responded to the toast, "Beta Eta," and was also elected as the second on the board of directors of the New England Association. Beta Eta hopes to be able at a not very distant date to entertain her New England brethren at a similar re-union. One of our late members, Ralph K. Jones, '86, has accepted a position with Bradler, Hastings & Co., one of the largest wholesale hardware houses in Boston.

The state legislature, at its recent session, appropriated \$25,000 for the erection of a new building, and \$9,600 for other improvements. In view of this fact the coming summer and fall bids fair to be busily occupied. The new building will be occupied by the natural history and agricultural departments. Several important changes have occurred in the faculty. C. H. Benjamin, formerly professor in mechanical engineering, has resigned and accepted a situation with a large manufacturing firm in Boston. Prof. Walter Flint has been appointed as his successor, and J. H. Hart has accepted the position of instructor in drawing.

J. R. Boardman, Cor. Sec.

CORNELL.

Our chapter life in the fall term was uneventful with the exception of our "swing." On November 23rd we initiated Thomas C. Dunn, of Providence, R. I., and the affair was very pleasant indeed. At the beginning of the winter term, a trouble about new men resulted in the resignation of six of the thirteen members of our chapter. Since that time we have initiated two new men, Horace Mack, of Ithaca, and August Kolb, of New York City, both members of the class of '89, so that now we have an active membership of nine.

Preparations have been made for the opening of the law school here next fall and the faculty have been selected. Plans for a new library building to accommodate 600,000 volumes have been nearly completed and work will probably be begun on the building in a few months. Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering is to be enlarged to accommodate five or six hundred students in the near future. In all departments of the university there seems to be great prosperity.

We have received visits from brother Wambaugh, of Cincinnati, and from Jones, formerly '87. Our chapter, though perhaps not as prosperous as at some times in its past history, is still vigorous and hopeful.

Chas. S. Fowler, Cor. Sec.

MIAMI.

In her last letter Miami chapter prided herself on her ability to keep her charter members together. But this time she must regretfully record the loss of three men—Berry, Orr and Mears. Berry is in Cincinnati, Orr at Notre Dame University, Ind., and Mears has entered or is about to enter into business. Whatever regret has been engendered by their withdrawal has been palliated by the enthusiasm of our two new men—Roscoe F. Mason, '89 and C. Fred. Brookins, '90. The rapidity with which our new men are coming to the front is encouraging, Mason having just finished a term as president in Miami Union hall, to be succeeded by Morris as president and Brookins vice-president in same hall for the spring term. It is also a matter of gratulation that in the second joint meeting of the literary societies, Mason represented us worthily as essayist from Miami Union while Brookins commanded general praise as declaimer. Brown served in his old place in debate on the winning side. In the newly-organized choir in university chapel Mount, Smith and Brown represent us and Brookins presides at the organ. Going a step farther, we add that our enthusiastic brother, Dr. Hepburn, is chaplain, so that Betas have almost a monopoly of the chapel platform. Miami chapter has organized herself into a political science club and is beginning work in Civics in earnest. She is not far enough advanced as yet to give any account of her investigations, but if the ardor with which her members enter into the work may be taken as an earnest of what is to be accomplished, then the "Wooglin Political Science Club" may even now be called a success.

The term just closed has been one of renewed earnestness in Miami chapter and it may be said, in truth, that never before has such congeniality and harmony existed between all the members of the chapter, never before such unmistakable signs of healthfulness. A small but apparently permanent increase is noticed in the attendance at the university; but best of all a rigid insistence is placed upon accuracy of scholarship in all who enter as students, a fact which promises to give to the university a tone of highest excellence.

As to our rivals, the Phi Delta Theta, they remain as formerly, "perfectly respectable," but as a chapter utterly devoid of all aggressiveness. Any suggestions directed to the "Wooglin Political Science Club" in her pioneer work will be thankfully received.

J. Newton Brown, Cor. Sec.

WITTENBERG.

The opening of the spring term witnessed the return of all the brethren, apparently with renewed enthusiasm and a determined purpose to advance higher the chapter standard. On the other hand, we have been crowned with not a few honors. We take great satisfaction that both representatives of the college at the recent oratorical contest at Delaware were brother Betas; moreover, brother Arthur Smith received the second position for oratory in the Junior Exhibition, and the first positions in the class are occupied by brothers. All of these things are sufficient vindication of our honorable position as a chapter, despite the subtle insinuations that have pervaded the fraternal atmosphere. It is a saying as true as trite that the most powerful forces and influences are the most silent in their exercise; and while Alpha Gamma makes no loud protestations nor apparently disturbs the social equilibrium to any great extent, "she gets there just the same."

Upon the anniversary evening of the institution of the chapter, the brothers assembled in the chapter hall, where through some mysterious agency, not however undiscoverable, a similar number of the Beta "sisterhood" had been conducted. The evening was most enjoyably spent in social entertainment and also in the consideration of other material in the nature of refreshments, and at a late hour the event became a matter of memorable history. Brothers Henry Williams and Charles Pretzman have left Springfield to pursue their legal studies, in Cincinnati and Columbus respectively. We regret much to have lost the fellowship of these brothers, and commend them to the brothers at their temporary homes. Brothers Heckert and Sigmund, of '86, are pursuing theological studies in the institution, while brothers Heibertshausen and Kephart are engaged in the same pursuit in Pennsylvania.

S. S. Keller, Cor. Sec.

JOHNS HOPKINS.

Since our last letter nothing of particular importance has occurred in Alpha Chi's history except probably the initiation of Waldo Newcomer, '89, and the pledging of Shozaburo Watase, '84, of Tokio, Japan, who will be initiated on the 6th of April. H. T. Fernald, '85, who left us early in this session on account of bad health has, we are happy to say, recovered his health and has joined the marine laboratory of the university at Nassau in the Bahama Islands. J. F. Reigart who came to us at the beginning of the year from Alpha Sigma at Dickinson, has, we are sorry to say, also been obliged to give up studying for some time on account of failing health.

Since our last letter, however, the annual banquet of the Baltimore alumni has come off and with it the nomination by Alpha Chi and the alumni of a committee consisting of Daniel Brinton, F. M. Latham, and L. T. Appold, of the latter, and Edgar Goodman and H. H. Wiegand of Alpha Chi, who are to draw up articles of incorporation, and get subscribers for shares of a Beta Club. This the committee has done, and, stated in words, their proposition is: The formation of a Beta club to

consist (1) of residents of this city, (2) of residents in the state and District of Columbia and (3) of members of the Johns Hopkins University chapter. The support of the establishment will depend largely upon the Betas who reside or do business in the city, and it is proposed that their dues shall be \$15 per annum. The Johns Hopkins chapter, in view of the expenses its members are under, is to be admitted as a whole at the rate of \$5 for every active member. The non-resident members, to whom the club house will offer a pleasant and agreeable home whenever they may be in the city, are to pay \$5 per annum. As the membership of the club increases it is expected that the dues may be decreased, but at present the above rate will be required to pay the running expenses. The committee also proposes to furnish the house by subscription. It is hoped that at least \$500 may be raised in this way, in order that the rooms may be made attractive and comfortable.

Should this proposed plan be successful, and we certainly hope it will be, Alpha Chi will for once in her lifetime be enabled to inhabit a room or rooms which are more attractive to the average student than the class room she has been occupying so very long. That it will be a stimulus for fraternity feeling can hardly be questioned, and we shall not go very far from the truth if we say that Alpha Chi will then more or less displace every other fraternity here represented, and they are few indeed. We have often, in conversation with members of other fraternities here represented, heard them say that it was the hardest thing in the world to get a quorum together in order to hold a meeting, simply because they had no place of meeting that possessed enough attraction to draw them away from their rooms and homes. That Alpha Chi is a unit in favor of this plan we can safely assert, and it would seem that its ultimate success therefore depends upon the alumni. We hope that they still have enough fraternal feeling and desire to "always hang together" to take the matter up seriously and thus insure its success.

In regard to honors, we are happy to state that two more have been added to our list, and they are these: B. B. Shreeves, '89, has received a Hopkins scholarship and brother Waldo Newcomer, our "babe," is the holder of the first Hopkins honorary scholarship of his class. We find on perusing our last letter that we failed to mention the standing of our rivals. Poor things, they are getting weak and do not seem to be able to stand the mighty onslaught Beta Theta Pi is making upon them. Phi Kappa Psi has dwindled down to seven members, all told, from eighteen; while Delta Phi is at a standstill with ten active members. We now present a front of twenty-three men strong with good prospects of increasing the number to twenty-five.

W. S. Bayley, Ph. D., '86, who left us at the end of last term and who has been up in Wisconsin working on the United States geological survey, has returned to the university to more profitably and minutely examine the rocks he has been studying and collecting while up there. This is the second time brother Bayley has strayed so far north for Uncle Sam. The new, large commodious physical laboratory has been occupied by the department of physics, and with good results, it seems, as one of the first pieces of work done since entering

has been the discovery by Prof. Rowland of a new induction coil, which is, he claims, at least four times as powerful as any heretofore made. He intends to employ it in getting sparks of different metals for his photograph of the solar spectrum which can not be obtained by the ordinary means owing to the want of sufficiently high temperature. This laboratory is to be occupied by four departments, which are to "work hand in hand," as Prof. Newcomb himself expressed it in his Commemoration Day address. They are mathematics, physics, astronomy, and psycho-physics. It is intended to add astronomy to the number of studies which lead to the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Alfred R. L. Dohme, Cor. Sec.

DENISON.

"Again a term has reached its close,
Again in quiet and repose
The college stands, forlornly still,
The lonely tenant of the hill;
No more the bell within its tower
Proclaims the recitation hour."

The winter term has ended and vacation finds only a few "congenial spirits" left at Denison to vary the monotony as best they may until the spring term opens. The last term has been a good one in every sense of the phrase. Under the rule of Dr. Anderson the college affairs have been carried on smoothly and swiftly. The college seems to be gaining strength in every way under the new administration, and everything points to a speedy revolution from the old state of affairs and a strong continuance of a prosperous new state. It is a fact to be deplored that Denison, the only institution in this state of its strong and numerous religious sect, is so poorly represented. If a man were to judge the different denominations, as to strength, by their representation in their respective institutions, the Baptists would be estimated as the weakest by far. The fact is, however, that the Baptists are the strongest, and hereby hangs a tale. The Methodists at Delaware boast their five and six hundreds; the Congregationalists at Oberlin their eleven and twelve hundreds; Presbyterians at Wooster their six and seven hundreds, and the *Baptists* at Denison their one hundred and sixty or seventy. But enough of that; suffice it to say that those same Baptists are being awakened all over the state and another year may double, triple, even increase four or five-fold, the present number of students at Denison.

The social atmosphere has been geniality itself, and the little town, usually quiet, has been on the *qui vive* to an extreme, in the social sense of the term. The students mingle quite largely in the town society, especially the members of the Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi fraternities. The Betas are more in the town society, as a chapter, than either of their rivals, though a number of the Sigs are regular participants. The Phi Gams, however, have not, as yet, gained a foothold in the town society, but they content themselves with a lion's share, as regards

numbers, of "favored fair ones" at the two "sems." In these two "fem. sems." the Sigs, although they by no means hold undisputed sway, as their correspondent of last year would have you believe, nevertheless pride themselves on the "cream of the cream." The Beta girls, "peers of them all," are residents of the town, and if any brother harbors a doubt as to their loyalty to Beta, let him drop in on us and he may see for himself.

Alpha Eta still holds her own as regards honors. Will B. Owen won the preliminary local contest held here and took second place at the state contest held in Delaware. His grades were above those of the man who took first place at the state contest, but the "ranking" system placed him second on the list. Alpha Eta was pretty well represented at Delaware. The boys returned home with the most flattering description of Theta's model entertainment of them, with glowing accounts of Theta boys and of the Beta girls, who, with brightest smiles, enlivened all their way at Delaware. After Owen returned from the contest, Dr. Anderson gave a reception in his honor to the Senior class and the Alpha Eta boys. The evening was most pleasantly passed by all. Alpha Eta will be represented on the state oratorical association by W. E. Castle, whom Denison has chosen as vice-president of that association.

Denison has a glee club in which every fraternity in college has representatives, Owen and Brown being the Beta representatives. Owen has made his mark as a warbler and the future Emmetts and synonymous characters had best give him the whole coast. He needs it. General Lew Wallace lectured here some weeks ago on "The Turks and Turkey." He was royally banqueted by his brother Phi Gams after the lecture.

Since our last writing we have pledged two "preps.," who will one day be ardent and loyal devotees at Wooglin's shrine. Everything points toward a boom at Denison; not that we should too greatly depreciate our past condition, but there has always been room for improvement, and that improvement has surely come in the shape of our new president. He is a diligent, earnest and thorough worker, and his broad experience and clear knowledge are going to work wonders for Denison in every way. His ability as a financier, coupled with his other qualities "quintessentially good," will soon enable him to place Denison in the van of Ohio colleges, in numbers as well as in excellence of training.

Ralph P. Smith, Cor. Sec.

MADISON.

The chapter life of Beta Theta during the past term has been marked by quiet and steady progress. Our chapter roll stands the same as in our last report. As we are even now upon the eve of Commencement, we are beginning to fear the loss of our '87 delegation. But of the three, two, Crawshaw and Lyman, will return to Hamilton in the fall, to enter the Theological Seminary, so that they

will still be among us to lend a helping hand when needed. St. John, '87, will enter upon a mercantile life.

The past term has been one of conscientious work, accompanied by good results. At the present writing we are unable to present any record of prizes taken, for at Madison the prizes, for the most part, are awarded at Commencement; but we are confident that at that time Beta Theta can report her full quota. Our chapter work this term has been the most satisfactory of any within the experience of our Seniors. It has been thoroughly and wisely planned, enthusiastically executed, and the results to the individual members have been most beneficial. Our fraternity meetings, which have become a permanent feature of our chapter work, have been among the most interesting and instructive of our schemes. We were very much pleased to receive a visit from Rev. A. K. Fuller, '79, of Rondout, N. Y., in the latter part of February. On Tuesday evening, March 22d, we celebrated the close of the term's work by sacrificing at the shrine of Wooglin a good-sized *doggy*, especially captured for the sacred rites. It was an occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A few words in regard to our institution may not be amiss here. Madison University is steadily asserting her right to a place in the front rank of the denominational institutions of our land. During the past year the new Theological Seminary has been completed and dedicated. We are proud to say that this is the finest building of its kind owned by the Baptist denomination in America. It is of Hamilton stone, quarried on the university grounds, with brick trimmings. Its architectural beauty is unsurpassed, and the interior is fitted up in a manner becoming the imposing outward appearance. It is heated throughout with the best of modern systems. The chapel and recitation rooms are elegantly furnished, and a light and pleasant reading-room, containing all the leading religious and literary periodicals, is neatly fitted up. A recent improvement is the elegant furnishing of the reception-room by a beneficent friend of the institution, Mrs. Eli Perry, of Albany, New York.

Nor have improvements been wholly confined to the theological department. The government of the college dormitories has been placed in the hands of the students, and many improvements might be noted there. At present the project of a new gymnasium is being vigorously discussed by the students and friends of the university, and the amount of the pledges received thus far shows that it is only a question of time—a year, or, at most, two years—when we shall see one of the finest equipped college gymnasiums at Madison.

Another feature worthy of important notice is the careful revision of the courses of study in the college. Four distinct courses are now open to the student—the classical, the Greek-scientific, the Latin-scientific, and the English-scientific, besides a wide range in elective studies. The competitive scholarships are also a new feature, and they are well approved by the large increase of this year's Freshman class over previous ones. Examinations which secure to the successful competitors free tuition were held last year in several cities of this state, and the

plan was found so feasible that this year they will be held in various cities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts. These facts show that Madison University exhibits a spirit that will keep up with the times. She is prospering now, and the outlook is still more bright.

We shall be very glad to see and to welcome any Beta traveling our way.
Horace G. McKean, Cor. Sec

KANSAS.

It is with the deepest regret and feeling that we chronicle at the beginning of this letter the death of one of our most enthusiastic and devoted alumni members—brother Charles Dickey Dean, of the class of '84. In October last he went to New Mexico, thinking that a change of climate would restore him to health. But that dreadful disease, consumption, could not be checked, and last month, while returning, he died aboard the train, only seventy miles from home. He was buried here in the presence of friends and brothers. We shall always remember him as he was—kind, faithful, honest and true.

Since last writing we have initiated only one man, N. D. Bowker, '90, who entered the university soon after the holidays. We have lately suffered a loss, however, by the absence of W. T. Reed, who has left school for the present term, but will be with us again in September. The Opera House Block, in which were located our rooms, and also those of the Phi Kappa Psi, which was destroyed by fire, as reported in the last number, is rapidly being re-built. Our future suite of rooms is being constructed under our own direction and supervision. When completed they will be model fraternity rooms, being much larger and with many more conveniences than our former ones, and, like them, superior to those of any other fraternity represented here. Our alumni, scattered over many states, both near and far, responded most generously to old Alpha Nu, not only with their sympathy, but with that other *stuff*, which, though the root of all evil, counts for so much good in many worldly affairs. We expect to be able to move into our rooms about the last of April. Although much has been lost which can never be replaced, yet in a little while these will be forgotten and other trinkets and keepsakes be treasured away for the sake of auld lang syne.

The social sphere of K. S. U. has not been as gay with parties, receptions, etc., as it would have been if the two halls had not been destroyed. Our chapter has lately been royally entertained at the residence of brother Perkins, one of the first lawyers of Lawrence, and also at the elegant residence of another brother, Dr. Walker. We have also been the recipients of a pleasant visit from brother L. H. Leach, the first Kansas University graduate elected to the legislature of our state.

Contests for literary honors have not yet arrived, but we shall undoubtedly secure our share of the "olive-branches," as we always have done in the past. The base-ball season is about at hand, and the

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LOVE'S RETURN.

Ah, Love has come back on the breath of the Spring,
Arrayed in Spring's roses—a beautiful thing.
He died but to live again, fair as before,
Filling my life with the feelings of yore.
I welcome thee, Love; come and dwell in my breast,
There is room for thy frolic and room for thy rest;
Be ruler, thou Mad Cap, I own thy dominion,—
But nevermore leave me with anger-plumed pinion;
For anger is death to the heart and the will,
And death is so cold and so sad and so still.
I will not offend, be thou not offended;
Let's live now in peace till mortality's ended.

L. R. Hamberlin.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

BY EX-PRESIDENT ANDREW D. WHITE, OF CORNELL.

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For half a century the "Greek-Letter Fraternities" of the American colleges have been fiercely attacked and as hotly defended. The purpose of the present article is to discuss the question whether they are mainly good or evil; and if, like most human organizations, they produce both good and evil, to show how the good may be increased and the evil diminished.

The fact upon which they all rest is expressed by the truism that "man is a social being." Bring together a thousand students, or even a score, and they will begin to arrange themselves in parties, cliques, and clubs. Social clubs, literary clubs, athletic clubs, will at once group themselves around various centers, like crystals about a nucleus. College officers may lament that students will not simply oscillate between their lodgings and lecture-rooms; but human nature is too strong—groups of some sort are inevitable.

Now, do not the fraternities reduce the evils arising out of these to a minimum, and produce some results undeniably good? The first point to be noted is, that when one of these inevitable associations takes the form of a college fraternity it must cease to be a mere temporary club. It has at once a reputation to make and maintain. It must hold its own against rival fraternities. The badge which each member wears fixes his responsibility; to be less than a gentleman is to disgrace it and to injure the fraternity. The same principle which led the hero of one of Balzac's most touching stories to lay off his badge of the Legion of Honor while suffering reproach, and to replace it upon his breast, when at the cost of his life he had retrieved his character, is, on a lower plane, active among students.

But the members of the fraternities are not only under this healthful pressure from without; they are generally under good influences from within. Very soon after a fraternity is founded it has a body of graduates sobered by the duties and experiences of life. This body very soon outnumbers the undergraduate members. These graduates naturally scan closely their brethren in the colleges, and are the first to condemn any conduct among them likely to injure the fraternity. No chapter can afford to lose the approval of its graduates: every chapter must maintain such a character that the graduate brotherhood will be

willing to recommend it to younger men entering college, to send their pupils or sons into it, and to contribute to building or other expenses which would bear too heavily upon the undergraduate members.

Here is a vast difference between respectable, permanent fraternities and all temporary clubs. A typical result of the desire of undergraduate members to keep the approval of their graduate brothers is seen in the fact that intoxicating drinks have been rigorously excluded from the chapter-rooms of all fraternities I have known; frequently by the vote of undergraduates not themselves abstainers. On the other hand, it is within my knowledge that temporary clubs formed among students who have not entered fraternities—clubs having no reputation to maintain, no responsibility to any fraternity, and under no healthful influences from graduate members—have often become excessively convivial.

While college fraternities thus reduce the evils of student social groups, they can be made a very useful adjunct in college discipline. The usual chapter organization establishes a kind of solidarity between its twenty or thirty undergraduate members: all are to a certain extent responsible for each, and each for all. I know that other college officers, as well as myself, have availed themselves of this relation for the good of all concerned. More than once, when some member of a fraternity has been careless in conduct or study, I have summoned senior members of his chapter, discussed the matter confidentially with them, dwelt upon the injury the man was doing to his fraternity, and insisted that it must reform him or remove him. This expedient has often succeeded when all others had failed. The older members of various fraternities have frequently thus devoted themselves to the younger in a way which would do honor to a brother laboring for a brother. It is within my knowledge that a considerable number of young men have thus been rescued from courses which might have brought great sorrow to them and to their families.

While the fraternities have thus been made useful to individuals, they have another use to the great body of American colleges and universities as a whole. One of the less fortunate things in American advanced education is that the various institutions of learning in the country are so separated from each other by space and sectarian bias. As a rule, each is more or less in a state of isolation. To meet this difficulty, we have, indeed, in the State of New York, a very valuable institution, the board of regents, which, in addition to other services, brings together, once or twice a year, representatives of all the colleges, to discuss questions of living interest and to establish personal

acquaintance; but in the Union at large there is nothing akin to this. In England, the two great universities are so near each other, and so near London as a center, that there is no such isolation. In Germany the universities are all within a geographical space not so large as one of our great states, and the students pass freely from one to another. Here there is almost complete isolation, and the larger college fraternities serve a good purpose in frequently bringing together members of the various institutions: graduates and undergraduates, professors and students, thus meet, and so do something to create a common interest, and to arouse a friendly feeling. It may not be the best sort of meeting, but it is better than none.

Again, the fraternities, while reducing the evils of social gatherings to a minimum, bring out of them some positive good. The question is, Shall these gatherings be fit for gentlemen, or shall they degenerate into carousals? The advantage of the better fraternities is, that on them are various healthful restraints which hinder such degeneration. Graduate members are frequently present; they may be members of the faculty, citizens of the adjacent town, teachers visiting former pupils, clergymen visiting parishioners, fathers visiting sons; in any case, they lift the gathering into a far better region than it would probably attain without such influence.

As such old members come into a chapter session, note the places of old friends long gone, and hear the old songs sung, a flood of recollections comes in upon them. They are sure, when called upon, as they always are, to speak to their younger brethren from the heart, and few speakers are more likely to find their way to the hearts of the listeners.

And here it is proper to touch upon one of the more recent developments in the better American fraternities—the establishment of chapter-houses, in which the members of a chapter have not only their hall for literary exercises, but lodgings, study rooms, library, parlors, and the like. This is, I think, a distinct advance. While giving comfortable quarters and civilizing surroundings at reasonable prices, it brings into the undergraduate mind a healthful sense of responsibility. One of the greatest difficulties with American students has risen from the fact that they have been considered neither as men, to be subjected to the laws governing the public at large, nor as boys, to be subjected to the discipline of the preparatory schools. Some of the consequences of this abnormal condition have been wretched. Place twenty or thirty students in the ordinary college dormitory, and there will be carelessness, uproar, and destruction; but place the same number of men

belonging to any good fraternity in a chapter-house of their own, and the point of honor is changed; the house will be well cared for and quiet. I recently visited one of these chapter-houses after an absence of a year; the rooms and furniture were as well kept as when I left it. The reason is simple: the young occupants had been brought into a sense of proprietorship, into a feeling of responsibility for the maintenance of the property and its reputation.

Socially, too, there is an advantage. Nothing has pleased me more of late years than to see various fraternities of the better sort giving, in their chapter-houses, simple receptions and entertainments, to which not only members of faculty and town families were invited, but also the older members of other fraternities. This marks a breaking away from what to my mind has always been the main objection to these organizations, namely, the growth in many cases of a petty, narrow, contemptible clique spirit; and it indicates a recognition of the paramount relation of student to student, of man to man.

I have taken part in several such gatherings at various chapter-houses, and can think of no wiser thing that wealthy graduates can do, in testifying kindly feeling toward their respective fraternities, than to aid in the erection and endowment of such houses, as good centers for college social and literary life.

Several times, during visits to Oxford and Cambridge, I have been asked regarding the provision in American colleges for healthful social relations between teachers and taught, and between older and younger students. In answering, I have spoken of the chapter-houses as to some extent supplying in American universities what is given in the English universities by the collegiate bodies, with their separate houses and fraternal feeling. Each system enables students to live in comfortable quarters at moderate cost, and with men interested in their purposes and anxious for their success. What Walter de Merton had in mind when he established the first of the colleges at Oxford seems to be the very thing sought for in these more humble American establishments. And when I told my questioners that the members of the fraternities living in various chapter-houses, though frequently visited in a social way by members of the faculty, were under no control in ordinary matters save their own, that no proctor or tutor lived with them, that no gate-book was kept, there was an expression of great surprise. It seemed impossible to the college officers about me, that a body of twenty or thirty undergraduates, living together in a house of their own, could thus be trusted. I answered that they could be trusted, that the trust thus reposed in them was an educating force of high value, and that I

should not be sorry to see the whole body of students in the university with which I was connected divided into fraternities, each living upon the university grounds in its own house, with full responsibility for its keeping and character, and never to be interfered with until it proved its incapacity for proper self-government.

Again, a distinct purpose of these associations is culture in some worthy field of intellectual activity. If properly kept up, the exercises for such a purpose can be made useful. It has always seemed to me far wiser for college authorities to stimulate the undergraduates to profit by such opportunities than to waste time in declaiming against the fraternities altogether. It is an advantage that thus, in the midst of a small and friendly body, young men of quiet, scholarly tastes are enabled to make a beginning of literary or oratorical effort, and so to prepare themselves for efforts on a larger field, where there is more competition and less forbearance.

Finally, the recognition of these organizations by university authorities seems wise, because in this way alone can a college easily rid itself of any fraternity exercising an influence of evil.

To get rid of such, a few American institutions of learning have endeavored to drive out all the fraternities. These efforts have generally proved futile. In one of the larger institutions where such an attempt was made, fraternity badges were for years worn beneath the students' coats, meetings were held by stealth, and a system of casuistry was adopted by the members, when questioned by the faculty, exceedingly injurious to the students from a moral point of view. Another result was that these chapters thus driven into secrecy were restrained from intercourse with their graduate members and rapidly degenerated.

Still another effect was that, there being no means of distinguishing the members of any fraternity, the faculty could exercise no healthful influence upon them through their brethren. Moreover, a general repressive policy defeats its own purpose, and deprives the college authorities of the power to rid themselves of any particular fraternity that is really evil. For, when an attempt is made to drive out all the fraternities, all will stand by each other to the last. They will simply conceal their badges, and band themselves together as a wretched, occult, demoralizing power. On the other hand, if each fraternity is allowed to exist upon its merits, any one thought by a college faculty to be injurious can be easily driven out. It is one of the simplest things imaginable. I have myself thus driven out an old and wide-spread fraternity, which was doing injury to its members. This was done by giving a simple public statement of the reasons why young men should

keep out of it. All the other organizations, and, indeed, the whole body of students, recognized the justice of the action and fully acquiesced. On another occasion, the mere threat of such a public denunciation had the effect to reform a large and influential fraternity.

And now, as to the arguments used against the fraternities. There are several entitled to careful attention. The first generally is, that they are secret. Regarding this, I think it may be justly said that their secrecy is rather nominal than real. There are few executive officers in our larger institutions of learning who have not a fair knowledge of the interior organization and working of those with which they have to do. Their secrecy is generally nothing more than keeping from the public the motto for which their letters stand, and the direction of their literary activity. I confess myself unable to see how any question can be raised as to their right to reticence on these points. An eminent American divine, the head of one of the largest New England universities, whose wisdom and wit have delighted many of us, speaking upon this question, said: "If I unite with a dozen friends once a week for social or literary improvement, I know of no law, human or divine, that compels me to give an account of my doings to Tutor Tidball." And on this very question of secrecy, as a simple matter of fact, membership of college fraternities seems frequently to exhaust the desire of young men for entrance into secret organizations, and to keep them from entering the greater secret societies of the world at large. A bitter enemy of the great secret benevolent societies of the country once compared them to the small-pox; if this be just, entrance into college fraternities might be considered, perhaps, as a vaccination.

Again, it is objected that the literary exercises in these chapters of twenty or thirty men stand in the way of the more important exercises of the larger open literary societies. This is, probably, to a considerable extent, true. Yet, in justice, it must be said that some other causes have done much to weaken the large open societies. They have declined in a very striking manner at one of our greater universities, where the college fraternities have hardly had any existence; still this charge has more truth in it than any man devoted to our higher education could wish. But it is an evil which can be removed: half the lung power expended by college officers in declaiming against the fraternities would, if exercised in favor of the open literary societies, obviate it. The literary exercises of the various chapters could be made to strengthen the exercises of the open societies, becoming an introduction and preparation for them.

Again, it is said that the fraternities take part in college politics. This is true. They seem to hold a relation to college politics like that held by the guilds to the mediæval municipalities. But, after all, is this not simply one form of an evil which, in some form, is, as things go at present, inevitable? Would not cliques, clubs, parties, and intrigues exercise an influence in student elections if no fraternities existed? Bring together a mere score of students in the smallest of American colleges, and party politics will be at once developed. It seems a result of our American atmosphere.

Again, it is said that the fraternities produce narrowness and cliquishness. There is enough truth in this to make it the duty of every chapter to guard against these evils. But do we not err in attributing to the fraternities what is frequently the outcome of individual character? Coming out of church, once, after hearing a clergyman preach a sermon which showed the most astounding narrowness of vision and thought, one of my neighbors said to me: "That sermon of the Rev. Mr. — does not surprise me. We were members of the same fraternity in college, and he regarded all students outside of it with abhorrence or contempt, just as he now regards all people outside his sect." In this case, as in many others, narrowness was an individual characteristic which would have betrayed itself under any circumstances.

Every large college has now so many organizations of various sorts, and every student stands in so many different relations to his fellows, that cliquishness is, it seems to me, diminishing. I have found, too, in my own administration, that a little commonsense ridicule poured, from time to time, upon fraternity narrowness, has a very useful effect.

But an objection is urged which surprises me much. This is that membership in organizations not open to the public takes the place of family life. This would seem an argument in favor of the fraternities. The vast majority of students at college have no family life. They are far from their homes, and a fraternity properly organized has, in more than one case, supplied perhaps the best substitute possible for that family relation. Any properly constituted chapter contains steady, thoughtful, earnest men who exercise almost a parental care over younger members. I speak from experience. An ounce of fact is worth a pound of theory. Not to mention others, how can I forget T. F. D., whom we used to speak of as "the bishop," and who would, since that, have been really a bishop had he possessed a spark of worldly ambition? Who, in a certain Yale chapter of 1852-53, does not remember his laugh as the heartiest, his fun as the best, his scholarship as the

most inspiring, his counsel as the most disinterested, and his kind, serious words of warning as the most precious?

Objection is also made on the score of expense. This objection takes two forms. First, it is said that the money given to fraternity purposes would be more useful if applied to something else. This argument goes a great way. It is equally good against eating a sweet potato or an oyster. Strictly adhered to, it would reduce each of us to a certain number of ounces of the plainest food that would maintain life. It is equally cogent against the wearing of anything save the roughest and most serviceable fabrics. Pictures, engravings, beautiful books, works of art, would be equally under the ban. It can be used with killing effect against a ministerial tea-party or an alumni dinner; against the great majority of church bells and steeples; indeed, against every sort of edifice for religious purposes save an oblong box with square windows. Methinks I hear a voice, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" but I hear also that other utterance, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

But the objection on the score of expense is stated in another way, which seems to me entitled to more careful consideration. It is said that students have sometimes been led into an outlay for social gatherings, chapter-houses, and the like, which they could ill afford. Here is certainly a point where every fraternity ought to be on its guard. All Americans are interested in keeping down any tendency to extravagance in our institutions of learning. Such tendencies do exist both within and without the fraternities, and they ought to be fought at every point. So far as they exist within the fraternities they are simply bubbles upon the stream of American life. College life has been made somewhat more luxurious, just as home and hotel life have, but not, on the whole, to so great a degree, save in one or two of the greater institutions, which are powerfully influenced from neighboring luxurious cities. The colleges and universities more remote from the cities are by no means luxurious. Still, constant effort should be made in the fraternities to keep expenses down. The social gathering should be made simple, the chapter-houses, while roomy and comfortable, should not be extravagant; building committees should bear in mind that two-thirds of the "Queen Anne" and decorations lavished upon houses will within twenty years be thrown into the rubbish heap. Wealthy graduates should do what they can to provide for their respective chapters suitable houses, and, when this is done, scholarship endowments, which would diminish the expenses of members of small means. This done, the fraternities could justly boast that they diminish

under-graduate expenses rather than increase them. It is a fact within my knowledge that, owing to contributions of this sort, life in some of the fraternity houses is cheaper than life of a similar sort outside.

But there is a duty here for college officers. It has been my practice, during my entire executive connection with Cornell University, to have at the beginning of every year a simple "public talk" with the entering class—a sort of free-and-easy discussion of college life, with indications of some things best to do, and some things not best. I have always cautioned these youths regarding the college fraternities, advising them not to be in haste to enroll themselves, to look closely at the men with whom they would be thus associated, and to count the cost. I have thought this wiser than to indulge in general denunciations, which leave the student just where he was before, since he regards them as purely conventional, professional, goody-goody Sunday-school talk, and very rarely takes them into the account in shaping his course.

And, finally, it is said that a number of the most venerated officers of American colleges have declared against the fraternities. This is true; but it is quite as true that just as many venerated officers have declared against other things in the development of the American university system which have turned out to be blessings. Perhaps one trouble with some of these excellent men is that they are so venerable. There is no step in the progress of colleges and universities that has not been earnestly opposed on apparently cogent grounds by most worthy college officers. While the objections to college fraternities have come from some of the best men in our country, I think that it will be found that, as a rule, they have never known the better fraternities save from the outside. Their arguments seem based entirely on theory; and nothing is more misleading than a *priori* argument regarding institutions. In such a way republican government and every form of association into which men have grouped themselves, religious or political, have been argued down. The true question is, Are the fraternities as a fact, under all the circumstances of the case, more powerful for evil than for good? My contention is that they reduce certain inevitable evils in college life to a minimum, that they produce good in many ways, and that, when college authorities deal with them in a large-minded spirit, they can be made to do still more good.

FOURTH ANNUAL OHIO REUNION.

Ohio has well been called the home of Beta Theta Pi. From the cradle of Old Miami, Beta Theta Pi has grown into a powerful fraternity of forty-eight chapters, nine of which are in Ohio, placed at Miami, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Western Reserve, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon, and Ohio State. From the state of Ohio have come many of the prominent Betas who have done honor to our name, and in Ohio, if anywhere, may be found the typical Beta.

Hence it is a fitting thing that the Betas of Ohio are accustomed to meet in annual reunion at the state capital. The fourth annual meeting was held at the Park Hotel, Columbus, Friday evening, April 29th, 1887. The attendance was not so large as at the previous reunions, but was a representative gathering, Betas being present from every Ohio chapter. The scene in the rotunda of the hotel was a characteristic one, as many groups of students were standing here and there, interchanging college news and fraternity views; or, more sedate and quiet, were sitting around the table waiting the beginning of the literary exercises which were held in the hotel parlors, which were barely able to hold the crowd of assembled brothers.

The President of the association, Hon. H. J. Booth, Denison '73, was first introduced, and made pleasant remarks. Among other things he said:

I had hoped to see more of the "silver greys" here to-night. We have a number of them in this city. There is Ripley C. Hoffman, a charter member of the original Delta chapter at Ohio University, who for many years has been a prominent lawyer among us; there is Henry C. Noble, of old Miami chapter, also an esteemed lawyer and prominent citizen; there is our newly-elected honorable, Judge Thomas J. Duncan, of Theta chapter, who some nineteen years ago drove across from Delaware to Granville and founded the Alpha Eta chapter at Denison. Judge Duncan sent his regrets by me, the pressure of very important public business alone preventing his presence with us to-night. I often think with pride of the prominent Ohio Betas, and was pleased to read the accounts of the recent New York banquet to our distinguished Beta brother, ex-Governor Hoadly. We have two Ohio Betas on the Supreme Bench—Matthews and Woods—and many more eminent Betas in the various ranks of life. We, who live in Ohio, should be especially proud of Beta Theta Pi, for here the fraternity started, and here are found the most chapters in any state. Most of you here are active members, and those of us who are not, intend to be so for to-night.

After "There's a Scene" had been sung with great gusto, Ralph P. Smith, '88, of the Denison chapter, was introduced and presented a merry poem of college and fraternity scenes, entitled "An Initiation," which was well read and favorably received. We present here the following extended extracts from the poem, with regrets that we have not space to insert it in full:

AN INITIATION—A POEM.

Within an ancient little town
There stood a school of some renown,
Which, thro' the summer season closed,
In rest and quiet had reposed;
In rest and quiet void of boys,
Unstirred by any sound or noise—
Had seemed to wear a solemn frown,
As if in anger with the town.
But now, at length, the summer o'er,
Its doors are open flung once more;
Once more the sound of many feet
Dispels its quiet and retreat;
Once more the students throng its halls,
Once more their laughter rings its walls,
Once more the recitation hum
Proclaims the college spirit come.

Two weeks, in all the usual ways,
Had gone to join the yesterdays,
Before the Greeks had clashed in arms,
And barbs had learned hellenic charms.
For three good weeks the game was "rushed,"
And barbs of every sort were "flushed,"
And every sort of mettle tried
That Grecian skill, as yet, defied;
Until all barbs had been allured
In every way until secured,
With one exception, who, as yet,
Had not confessed his liking
For any special crowd or set
Participant in "spiking."

The barb. secured, the Betas met
To fix upon a night
When this barbarian should get
A glimpse at Wooglin's light.

The barb. at eve had had his fill
Of supper cooked with clubhouse skill,
And now, unto his room returned,
His mind was far from unconcerned;
For thoughts annoying crowded in
Of broken head and barked shin;
Of coffin, demon, ghost and ghoul;
Of precipice and dousing pool;
Unnumbered horrors, fancy-dressed,
Called up forebodings unrepressed
Of things of ill, and then a goat

Before his vision seemed to float,
Full large and gaunt, and long of horn,
With hoofs untrimmed and hair unshorn.

By him are all unheeded quite.
The tree-toad in the maple hid,
The ceaseless, sawing katydid,
The cricket chirping on the sward,
Unite in strain by him unheard;
For he, enwrapt in thoughts afar,
Accompanied by his guitar,
Does sing unto his mother dear
Of college joys that meet him here.

"They have a thing here that they call Professor,
Who in every branch of learning is a seer,
And is of every worn out story a redresser,
And who 'll fill your soul with yearning, mother dear.
And they have another thing they call a Tutor,
Who does try to fill the little Fresh. with fear,
And who's ever trying to say something cute, or
To make a brainy hit, my mother dear.
Or to make a brainy hit
That shall drip with pungent wit,
And poor Freshy's crime shall fit, my mother dear.
Fit, my mother—wit, my mother—
If one could only fit the wit, my mother dear.

There's another thing here that they call a Frater,
Who really is the cream of all that's here;
He's the better genius of the *Alma Mater*,
This fellow of a frat., my mother dear.
Before a week has passed away in study,
He has learned your pedigree for every year,
And he 'll ask you, if he thinks you're anybody,
"Would you like to join my frat.?" my mamma dear.
"Would you like to join my frat.?
If you do n't, you 'll be a flat."
And you know you blush at that, my mother dear.
Frat., my mother—flat, my mother—
Yes, this frat. it floors you flat, my mother dear."

His song he scarce had ended, when in a moment more
There came a thump that made him jump—
A whack upon his door.
Poor barby, fraught with many fears,
Puts on his oldest clothes;
And now the Betas lead him out
To meet his Grecian foes.
As soon as they have reached the hall,
They bind his eyes, and now
Our barb. begins to undertake
His strange hellenic vow.
And how he fared while going through,
He told to me and I to you.

"They bound my eyes so close," said he,
"That all seemed black as night;
And then they led me through a door,
And up a long, steep flight

Of creaky and unsteady stairs;
 When, zounds! right there around me
 There seemed a thousand thunder-claps
 To deafen and astound me.
 And when the dreadful din had ceased,
 From out the Egyptian night
 There came a voice that all increased
 And added to my fright.
 'Before your claim is good to wear
 The bonny pink and blue,
 The first will try your muscle,
 The second try your will,
 The third will cater to your taste,
 And all may do you ill.
 My friend, the trial of strength is first;
 This is a trial most dread.
 A rope is here which you must climb
 With all your strength and might,
 To reach the upper Grecian world
 And leave barbarian night.'

They placed a rope within my hands
 And bade me waste no time;
 And I, in yield to their commands,
 Began my upward climb.
 You see, I afterwards found out
 The structure of the thing:
 The rope ran through a pulley,
 And the pulley by a ring
 Hung fastened to a beam o'erhead;
 Some thirteen feet or more
 The rope ran down and through a ring
 Fixed firmly in the floor.
 You see, the boys paid out the rope
 As fast as I could climb:
 And I, all ignorant of this,
 Kept climbing on and on
 Until my strength was nearly gone.
 Just then a voice above me said:
 'Bravo! Keep up! keep on ahead!
 Full forty feet, my friend, you swing
 In mid air—not so great
 A distance; but if you hap to fall,
 Think what must be your fate!
 In terror all my strength went out,
 And, following, a crash and shout:
 The rope began to yield.
 Was I to fall? I strove to climb—
 In frenzy strove to yell:
 I clutched at nothing, nothing grasped—
 The rope gave, and I fell!
 I closed my eyes and breathed a prayer,
 Oh! may my end be quick!
 By that time I was on my back
 Upon a feather tick.

'Now comes the second test,' said he,
 'Which is to test you mentally;
 For this trial you must undergo, 'tis clear,
 Ere at Old Wooglin's shrine you can appear.

Three good questions I propound,
 For which answers must be found.
 The question first I 'll put to you
 Is, Were you e'er in love?
 And I bethought and answered 'Yes,'
 When long I 'd hesitated:
 'In love just once, I would confess—
 Enamoured and elated.'
 'Now for the second matter to reveal:
 You were in love—how did it feel?'
 And hot and cold by turns I grew,
 And said, 'You know this, all of you.'
 'Yes, yes, I know,' the voice did say:
 'That answer will not do;
 All men are different every way:
 Tell how it was with you.'
 'In love, what is the feeling?
 In love, how does it seem?'
 When she 's away, you 're glum in all;
 And then at night you dream—
 You dream of eyes and lips and cheeks
 Quintessent in their charms;
 And, ere you know it, you 're awake—
 The pillow 's in your arms.'

And then, for fear this would n't do,
 I got inspired, and warmer grew:

'In love, it is pleasure; in love, it is woe;
 Now joy without measure, now pain none can know.
 The pain may be pleasure, the pleasure may grow
 Till only the pleasantest part you may know.
 'Tis sweeter than strawberries, sugar and cream—
 Than maple molasses, or whate'er we deem
 Most sweet to the taste, it is sweeter than this.
 'T is something to have, and 't is something to miss:
 To the lone, weary watcher, the morning's bright beam;
 To the tired, thirsty traveler, the cool, shady stream;
 To the fast-sinking sailor, the rescuing bark—
 None of these have such charms as you have in the spark.
 Bells ringing for supper, a story well told,
 The baby's first lisplings, the jingling of gold,
 The sound of the fiddle, the note of the dove—
 None of these have such charms as this being in love.'

'Well said, my barby,' said the voice;
 'And now for question third:
 In all this fun, now what was done?
 What was it that occurred?'
 Then up spoke I, and did respond
 With this my answer, lightly conned:
 'I courted and I loved one silly,
 In manner that was cute and wily.

I used to say to her, "Ah, there!
 Can I come in and call, or is pa there?"
 If she answered, "You bet!"
 Then I paid my regret,
 And said, "My regards to your ma there."
 But one night her father came in,

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And soon there was raised a great din,
 And we made quite a stir—
 Pa and I, and the cur—
 And since then I've sought other kin.'

—A song there rose and died away,
 And then a voice to me did say:
 'Now, friend, the final test is here—
 A test of strength and will;
 Of strength to bear, and will to dare,
 And thus the task fulfil.
 You heard what has been just now sung:
 How from a feast our order sprung—
 A feast, perhaps, not of the kind
 To suit the modern dainty mind;
 But yet we must perpetuate
 The memory of that feast,
 And so, you see, each candidate
 Must have a taste, at least,
 Of the chief viand on the board
 When Betas their first triumph scored.
 In short, my barby, you must eat
 A piece of dog's raw, bloody meat.'

And then, with ceremonial grave,
 The rites of Betahood they gave.
 The oath I took at Wooglin's shrine,
 And joys fraternal then were mine;
 Were mine to keep and to enjoy
 Without barbarian alloy.
 And then a banquet followed there—
 A fine, substantial, rich affair;
 And when our hunger was allayed,
 Then toasts were called, responses made.
 And now, a Beta in the throng,
 I joined them in their hearty song."

When banquet and when song were done,
 The sands of night were nearly run;
 The "wee sma'" hours had passed away,
 And chanticleers announced the day,
 When on the morning air rang out,
 Full loud and clear, the startling shout:
 Phi— kai — Phi! Beta — Theta — Pi!
 And loud and clear the echoes rang,
 Repeating this, the song they sang;
 And may our hearts with one accord
 Join in the chorus that was heard:
 Hurrah for Beta Theta Pi!
 Hip, hip, hurrah!
 May she live on, and never die!
 Hip, hip, hurrah!
 Until the three stars ever bright,
 And the refulgent diamond's light,
 Dispel the black barbarian night!
 Hip, hip, hurrah!

The oration had been assigned to the Wooster chapter, to A. F. Keener, '87, but, owing to illness, he was unable to attend. Before proceeding to the banquet hall, the association elected officers for 1887-8 as follows:

President—J. Cal. Hanna, of Columbus, O., Alpha Lambda, Wooster, '81.
Vice-Presidents—J. F. Berry, of Western Reserve; Geo. W. Reed, of Ohio; G. A. Talbert, of Ohio Wesleyan; J. D. Worman, of Wittenberg; R. P. Smith, of Denison; G. A. Nesbitt, of Wooster; H. C. Devin, of Kenyon; G. G. Atkins, of Ohio State; J. N. Brown, of Miami.
Secretary—M. L. Milligan, of Theta, Ohio Wesleyan, '84.
Treasurer—H. B. Herrick, of Beta, Western Reserve, '88.

Some objection to brother Herrick as custodian of the funds was made owing to his proximity to Canada, but it was finally decided to trust him with the money, without bond.

The Betas then fell into line and marched to the dining hall, where a well-ordered table, stretching the entire length of the room, awaited them. The extensive *menu* was printed in Greek, and caused consternation among the rusty alumni and the scientific students, but, of course, was read as easily as English by the many upper-classmen present. To accommodate those who had no lexicon handy, a "pony" was brought in, the President observing that if it was ever right to use a translation, this was the time. After discussing the edibles, "Carve dat Canine" was sung by all, and the toasts were then proceeded with. So many bright and happy things were said that they deserve some attention.

"Ohio and Her Reunions" was responded to by H. C. Devin, of Kenyon, in place of C. K. Benedict, who was absent. He said in part: "Ohio produced the Beta Theta Pi, and the Beta Theta Pi has done considerable toward making Ohio what it is. Ohio has lately been called the 'mother of Presidents' and great men, and in the college world it might well be named the 'mother of great Betas.'"

"Genus, Beta: What Are the Species?" was responded to by Charles S. Manly, of Ohio Wesleyan, who said:

I feel like the small boy who was sent to bring home the cows, but who returned without them, saying in explanation that when he got up on the pasture fence he saw so much that he "kind o' scattered." This subject is so broad that one must scatter a good deal in treating of it. The species are varied; no two chapters have the same identical standard, and when we meet in such reunions as this, it is hard to tell what to regard a typical Beta. Our pictures represent father Wooglin as an old, gray-headed man, an antiquated being. Could we get a composite photograph of some of the more prominent Betas, it would represent more correctly the spirit of Beta Theta Pi. There are enthusiasts: some are secretaries; some writers for the fraternity paper; some who want to get up song books, catalogues and histories. A

second species embraces "croakers," who are always trying to find fault with something; are hostile to weak chapters, opposed to extension, and extremely conservative. A third and perhaps the most important species is composed of the workers; they do the chapter work, look up the new men, and give to the fraternity strength and stability.

In introducing H. B. Herrick, of Western Reserve, to respond to the toast, "Vive la Alpha," the toast-master said that this program reminded him of a newspaper he had lately received, which contained only three editorials; the first was about the world; the second about Washington Territory, and the third about Seattle. So we have had Ohio, the Betas, and now we are to hear of old Alpha, whence all Betas came. Mr. Herrick spoke of these facts:

Forty-eight years ago, a band of eight young men at old Miami were gathered together, who felt irresistibly drawn toward one another by a feeling they were unable to define. Often did they hold sweet converse together concerning this feeling, and on pleasant days they would wander forth into the beautiful grove that surrounded their college home, and resting on the greensward would recur again and again to the sentiment that bound them in such pleasant ties. They finally reached the conclusion that this bond was pure and lasting friendship, the noblest link that binds the hearts of men together. They soon scattered: in 1840 three men started Beta; in 1841 one wandering Beta founded Gamma, and the next year another established the original Delta at Athens; and so the order grew, till to-day the mystic links of the chain of Beta Theta Pi go round the world, binding together young men of worth in every clime. The influence of the fraternity on the world cannot be measured, but with two hundred and fifty Betas graduating from our colleges every year, the power must be considerable, and steadily increase. Not long ago a candidate was besought not to join Beta Theta Pi, on the ground that a fraternity that could not keep its mother chapter alive was not worthy of support. To a green student unacquainted with the vicissitudes of Miami University, the argument might bring weight, but with the university again on its feet, old Alpha re-established, the roll of Beta Theta Pi is once more complete.

In announcing "Greece" as the next toast, the President said he did n't see the connection of this subject with our fraternity. Cicero's son went to Greece to round up his education, and he made so much progress in the liberal arts of Athens that he was able to drink six quarts of wine at one sitting. Surely no Beta could advocate that. Mr. L. G. Worstell, of the Ohio University, said:

Every Greek had a fixed character that enabled him to do good work, permanent in influence upon all successive ages, so that Greece still lives in modern society. Each family had a god of its own. Betas are called Greeks, and have a patron god. We can pick out men worthy to be called Greeks, but in ancient times that privilege was an accident of birth. Our men are more select than the ancient

Greeks, and if they did so much for the world, what ought we not to do with our superior training and advantages? The Beta tribe of Greeks is well in advance, we think, and other tribes concede us a prominent place. Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, in a recent article in *The Forum*, upholds the Greek-letter societies, saying, among other things: "The badge which each member wears fixes his responsibility; to be less than a gentleman is to disgrace it and injure the fraternity. I should not be sorry to see the whole body of students divided into fraternities, each living upon the university grounds in its own house, with full responsibility for its keeping and character, and never to be interfered with until it proved its incapacity for proper self-government." This is strong language, but many educators are still opposed to our orders. Hence it should be the duty of every Beta so to live as to add to the witnesses to the good effects of Greek societies.

President Booth, in introducing J. S. Simon, of Wittenberg, to respond to the toast, "Chapter-Killer and Extension," said that he did not understand the term Chapter-Killer. Many new fraternity terms have come into use since the days when the older ones went to college, wore paper collars two weeks, and then turned them and wore them two weeks longer.

Mr. Simon proceeded to attack the chapter-killer vigorously, and to prove himself an earnest advocate of extension. He said:

The chapter-killer is very conservative; he threatens to use the surgeon's knife; he stirs up the weak chapters. He wants all the chapters to come up to his self-appointed standard. He makes up his opinion of chapters by faulty and unfair means. He gloats over poor semi-annuals; examines the convention record and "blasts" the chapters not represented; he looks over the magazine subscription lists and "blasts" accordingly. The chapter-killer should either tell what he wants to do, or else keep still. Extension is a much more pleasing theme. If no extension advocates appear, it is a sign of decay. The true extension advocate wants to strengthen our borders. We are truly a national fraternity, and we ought to emphasize our right to that title. The chapter-killer cries out in alarm, "Where shall we stop?" and the answer comes, "Not as long as worthy men from worthy colleges knock for admission." The words "worthy colleges" furnish fighting ground, but the victory must rest with the friends of extension. Then let us not bind the hands of the extension advocate, but let him go on with his work till he unites our whole country in fraternal ties.

After a stanza of "We Are Coming From the East, Boys," etc., the General Secretary of the fraternity, J. Cal. Hanna, was introduced, and spoke in reply to the sentiment, "Our Fraternity—Its Present."

Certainly its present, as illustrated here to-night, is very attractive indeed. A fraternity officer hears some favorable reports and some gloomy ones, but at conventions and reunions our doubts vanish, *for the average Beta, as he is seen at such fraternity gatherings as these, is a pretty good fellow.* The Ohio chapters are all

in good condition, and Ohio Betas are typical ones. As I look over the fraternity field, I see no great weakness, save in our general fraternity management. In the last eight years there has been a great change in Beta Theta Pi, because it has grown wonderfully, and has spread far beyond the borders of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. The general loyalty of alumni now is just as marked as when the fraternity was small, but they cannot understand the growth of the order. I am about to advance

A NEW IDEA FOR BETAS TO CONSIDER.

The general work of the fraternity needs time and care. It cannot be done now, as once, in an hour or two. The consideration of the general relations of the various chapters needs time and care, and time and care cost money. A few years ago a few men did the work of the fraternity without money and without price, but these men could not and would not do it now. The fraternity must meet this new problem, and provide means for carrying on the necessary business of the order. There are new questions coming up constantly at conventions and reunions. For example, a petition is received from a set of men in a certain college. We ought to have a man ready to go to the college and investigate. We cannot trust the alumni who may live in the neighborhood, for they will be prejudiced in favor of their institution, and though they may be loyal and enthusiastic, in nine cases out of ten they will not know what the fraternity of the present wants in the way of men and chapters. To investigate an Ohio college would be an easy matter, but in order to visit remote institutions we ought to have money in the hands of one officer. Our visiting officers are to a great degree figureheads. They do what they can without interfering with their regular business, but they have neither time nor money to give to each chapter that care and attention it should have. The appointment of an alumni secretary in the hope of crystalizing the loyalty of the alumni, was a good idea, and Major Ransom was the best man that could have been chosen for that position, but he is too busily engaged in other matters to give this the due attention and time.

We need information about our own colleges which cannot be gleaned from the semi-annuals. Last year an attempt was made by the general secretary to gather data of this sort, the results of which appeared in the convention minutes, but they were very unsatisfactory. We are all acquainted fairly well with the rank of Ohio institutions, but what about our far-away chapter homes? It does not pay to ask the Board of Directors to do this work; they are too busy. We need an officer for this and kindred duties. How can the money for this be secured? The annual dues ought to be increased to two dollars for each member. That would give us six hundred dollars. If one dollar could be secured from one out of every ten of the alumni, our fund would reach one thousand dollars, while if one out of five of the alumni would give a dollar a year, we would have a fund of fifteen hundred dollars. Think of the many questions constantly arising to vex and worry the general officers—the press question, the weakness of this chapter, the trouble in that; the failure to issue a semi-annual here, the neglect of dues there. These and all other troubles could be placed for settlement with a general salaried officer. I want you all to think of this thing, and be ready to act should it come before the Chautauqua convention. If the Ohio chapters are united in this movement, they could exert great power in the general convention. After much study, I am satisfied that Beta Theta Pi must take some such course as this, if it is to keep abreast with the times.

At the close of the regular program of toasts, J. Newton Brown, of Miami chapter, was called upon, who entertained the assembled Betas in his usual glowing style, telling of the condition of Alpha chapter, and of the glorious reunion of Miami men last year, when the campus was filled with Betas and everything seemed so prophetic of success for old Miami and the mother chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

About two o'clock in the morning the mystic circle was formed, and with singing of the doxology and the piercing Beta yell the fourth Ohio reunion was over. The hotel men gave entire satisfaction; the *menu* cards were handsome souvenirs of the occasion; the pink-and-blue badges were of the right shade; the singing was spirited and enthusiastic, and, everything considered, the affair was a great success.

No doubt much credit is due to the efficient committee on arrangements, J. Cal. Hanna, W. G. Hyde and M. L. Milligan, and to the active members of Theta Delta, who, although tired out by their preliminary labor, yet found strength after the banquet to tramp all over Columbus serenading the Beta girls, each of whom was presented with a basket filled with reminders of the feast.

The souvenir of the reunion was a little book of ten pages and a cover, artistically printed and designed, its leaves fastened together by a dainty bow of pink-and-blue ribbon, making a very charming little keepsake. Upon the front of the cover was the legend in antique letters:

1839—1887 | Fourth Annual Reunion | of the | Ohio Association | of | Beta
Theta Pi, | Friday Evening, | April 29, 1887, | Park Hotel, | Columbus.

Following on successive pages were the program, *menu* in Greek, and the following songs: "Nostra Insignia," "The Alumni's Return," "Wooglin Forever," "There's a Scene," and "Doxology"—the cover containing also the roster of officers for 1886-7, and the last page ornamented with the fraternity badge. The names of those present, as nearly as could be ascertained, are as follows:

Miami—J. N. Brown, '88, Cincinnati; E. H. Greer, '89, Oxford; W. G. Shannon, '89, Oxford; W. E. Morris, '89, Liberty, Ind.

Western Reserve—H. B. Herrick, '88, Chester.

Ohio—E. B. Skinner, '88, Redfield; L. G. Worstell, '89, Tappan.

Ohio Wesleyan—M. L. Milligan, '84, Columbus; F. P. Irvin, '86, Piqua, C. S. Manly, '88, Denver, Col.; E. A. Smith, '88, Piqua; G. A. Talbert, '88, Beaver Dam, Wis.; F. L. Young, '89, Mt. Vernon; D. S. Sowers, '89, Westville; E. Q. Starr, '89, Delaware; C. S. Ford, '89, Benwood, W. Va.; G. M. Clarke, '90, New Holland; O. N. Hiatt, '90, Toledo; E. L. Shannon, '89, Xenia; F. Jones, '89, Delaware.

Wittenberg—J. S. Simon, '87, New Lisbon; J. D. Worman, '88, Leetonia; A. H. Smith, '88, Mansfield; H. A. Williams, '85, Columbus; C. J. Pretzman, '86, Springfield.

Wooster—J. C. Hanna, '81, Columbus; F. W. Hoe, '87, West Jefferson; D. L. Moore, '85, Dayton; G. A. Nesbitt, '89, Oxford; C. M. Moderwill, '89, Geneseo, Ill.

Denison—H. J. Booth, '73, Columbus; M. D. Phillips, '73, Columbus; F. W. Shepardson, '82, Granville; C. S. Sprague, '86, McConnelsville; E. A. Williams, '89, Columbus; W. B. Owen, '87, Granville; D. Shepardson, '88, Granville; R. P. Smith, '88, Granville; H. D. Hervey, '88, Granville; E. G. Evans, '89, Granville; C. R. Hervey, '90, Granville; W. C. Carr, '90, Elizabeth, N. J.

Kenyon—C. Tuller, '87, Dublin; E. Tuller, '88, Dublin; H. C. Devin, '88, Mt. Vernon; W. C. Hildreth, '88, Wheeling, W. Va.

Ohio State—C. V. Pleukharp, '85, Columbus; H. J. Woodworth, '87, Oxford; W. G. Hyde, '87, New Holland; G. G. Atkins, '88, Columbus; W. H. Siebert, '88, Columbus; F. R. Raymond, '88, Akron; J. Floto, '89, Cincinnati; H. Higler, '89, Washington C. H.; C. P. Sigerfoos, '89, Arcanum; T. G. Youmans, '90, Columbus; C. E. Skinner, '90, Redfield.

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"BETA THETA PI—A NATIONAL FRATERNITY."

Response of Hon. John S. Wise, of Virginia, at the Dinner Given to Hon. George Hoadly, at Delmonico's, March 29, 1887.

Mr. Chairman and Brethren of the Beta Theta Pi:—

By an unforeseen call of business I am permitted the pleasure of participating in your festivities, after having already declined. I reached the city, upon a sudden summons, but an hour ago, and it is with unfeigned pleasure that I greet our brethren present.

Governor Hoadly has assumed the responsibility of speaking for the old men of the fraternity. We have present a large number of the young men, and I will assume to speak for those who occupy the middle ground.

Behind us is the steep ascent of youth and in the dim distance the fading towers of our *Alma Mater*. Before us lies the gentle descent of Age. Twenty years ago we were school-boys; twenty years hence we shall be old men. We are of the class who come like reapers at noon-tide, to quench our thirst by the sparkling stream that flows back to our boyhood and rest for an hour beneath the trees whose shadows yet fall toward the west. These social reunions possess an unspeakable charm for men who are in the busy hurly-burly of life's struggles. Here we may lay aside the passions and prejudices pertaining to the living issues of the day and indulge in the friendship which made our youth the happiest portion of our lives.

It is peculiarly a pleasure to do honor to Governor Hoadly as one who has proved the wisdom of a boyish choice which selected him for membership, and shown by his life that the pledges of our order were

not assumed by him idly and with no intention to redeem them. This I may say in all sincerity, without disloyalty to any views which put us in position of antagonism, for while in some things we are distinctly at issue, the universal testimony of friend and foe is that his manly bearing in open conflict, and certain recent utterances of his in behalf of honesty, entitle him to the respect and admiration of all his fellow-citizens. As illustrative of my feeling toward the gentlemen, I will tell an anecdote showing the sort of feeling with which I have always viewed him upon opposite sides.

At the Battle of Fredericksburg there was an Irish soldier in the Confederate ranks. When the famous charge of the Federal Irish brigade was made, the Confederate Pat recognized in a tall, gaunt colonel, who was urging forward his troops with great gallantry, an old friend and acquaintance. He would load carefully, fire deliberately and then cheer lustily for Dennis McCarthy. His friends remonstrated at the inconsistency of his actions, and warned him that in his enthusiasm for his enemy he would be shot if he was not more careful. To this he replied: "I know they are Yankees, and I am doing my best agin thim, but Dinnis McCarthy is the bravest av the lot. I am a tryin' my best to kill him; if I can only do so the rest will run away, but the way he's a-fightin' me makes me cheer for Ould Ireland be-times."

I do not know what I can say which is strictly responsive to the toast which you have assigned to me. It is hard to generalize as to the workings of these secret societies, because their chapters are organized on very different ideas and with very different plans in different colleges. I have always felt that it was a great mistake on the part of college professors to attempt to eradicate them. They do, it is true, breed more or less of emulation and rivalry among college boys. At the same time, party spirit is a necessity in our form of government, and the active existence and energy of party spirit is one of the most potent influences towards securing good results. It is one of the best evidences of the vitality of our institutions and one of the surest safeguards of good government. I have no expectations of any boy who is not a partisan. We have much more to fear from the laziness which delights to call itself conservatism than from the activity which knocks out the sparks of invention and progress and is called by the jealous "partisanry." I think in recalling our college experiences we shall all discover that the emulation and energy begot by membership in the Greek-letter societies has more than compensated for any countervailing influences which they exert. I said it was hard to generalize, and that

is true, for in one college we find the chapter organized with a view to attaining distinction in academic studies; in another we will find the chapter more interested in professional distinctions; in another it will turn its attention to society honors; in another it seems more directed towards social gathering; but in all I think I may safely say that the influence is beneficial in this, that it stimulates the ambitious desire for pre-eminence in some department of life, and fosters a spirit of fraternity and unselfishness, without which life is not worth the living.

Toward this fraternity I feel an unfeigned tenderness, the result of early association. I joined at the University of Virginia in the autumn of 1865. Many of you are too young to remember so far back, and but few of you who are old enough can appreciate the circumstances by which I was surrounded when I joined it. As a youth of 19, I had escaped the surrender of General Lee, and, following the fortunes of the Confederacy, I had joined the army of General Johnston and surrendered in North Carolina. Thence I returned to Virginia, with nothing left but a ragged Confederate uniform and a good constitution. The war had interrupted the education of all the Southern youth, but we lost no time in taking up the broken thread, and October found me a student at the University of Virginia. The old place more resembled a camp than a college, for most of us still wore our uniforms, being too poor to buy other clothes. Our conversation and thoughts partook still of a decidedly military flavor, for what was to be the future of our section and our people was the all-absorbing question of the hour. The people beyond the Potomac were still our foes; the passions of war had not subsided and the clouds had not rolled away; men were still begrimed with gunpowder; their cheeks were still flushed with the terrible passion of years; the silence succeeding the roar of battle was oppressive, and no voice of love had come from out the gloom. Imagine, then, to yourselves what impression was made upon a boy so situated by the first fraternal messages which came to us from our Northern and Western brethren. They were not written in the cold and formal diplomacy of men contending for advantage of position. The messages came with fresh buoyancy of boys. They were inquiries for old comrades and friends; they were words of love and encouragement; they were filled with the wish that our chapter should be re-established and the old fraternity and cordiality should be restored without condition or reserve; in every line and in every sentence we were made to realize the bitterness of the conflict was over—that there were those in the land of our enemies who yearned to be once more our brethren and our friends.

These first messages came to my ear with a sweetness gratifying and refreshing as the bluebird's note at break of day when the fevered night is passing off. The call was as tender and timid as the voice of the piping quail when it invites the reassembling of the scattered covey after the havoc of the sportsman has swept on to other fields.

In all these things youth is more impressible a thousand times than manhood, and youthful impressions survive a thousand things of more importance which happen in our later years. I entered into the spirit of our college fraternity with great enthusiasm, enjoyed the association with its members very greatly, and severed my connection with it upon leaving college with more regret, perhaps, than I felt at the dissolution of any other college tie. Ever since, when the opportunity has been afforded, it has given me great pleasure to join in our meetings, thus reviving memories of a very happy period of life, and the recollection of many noble fellows from whom the lapse of years has separated me; and renewing to some extent the youthful feelings, hopes, aspirations and uncertainties which make that the happiest period in the life of every man. To you who stand to-day where I stood then, let me say but a parting word. You are happier now than you will ever be again. Life is brighter, hope is stronger, care is less and joy more buoyant than it will ever be again, and I begrudge you not one tittle of its enjoyment. It was mine, but can never be again. It is yours, and I would that it might be longer. While it is with you, cherish and enjoy it as a precious, fleeting gift; and so I say to you, adieu, and God bless you!

ON THE HEIGHTS.

Above the many-voiced, dull-murmuring world
 I stood, where from the upland's crowning crest
 I watched the evening splendors of the west
 In gorgeous, passionate pageantry unfurled;
 And as the bursts of flame leapt up and curled
 About the horizon's dome, in my glad breast
 Broke forth such glow of ecstasy unguessed,
 Whereby were life, death, and all fate empearled.

All thrilled I gazed the while the radiance waned,
 Till 'gainst the paling sky's wan circlet-rim
 The star-lit night's oblivion lapped its brim;
 But mirrored on my sight the glory gained,
 And on my soul had such blest rapture dawned
 That I had almost known God's peace beyond.

Chambers Baird, Jr.

DEATH OF JUDGE WOODS.

Justice William Burnham Woods, of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at Washington, D. C., May 14th, 1887, after a prolonged illness. He was one of the earliest members of the original Gamma chapter at Western Reserve College, having been initiated in 1842, and, like Judge Hoadly and other worthy alumni, remained faithful to his fraternity in time of the later misfortune to and shameful apostasy of that chapter, since brilliantly restored. He left Western Reserve before graduation, however, and entered Yale College, whence he graduated in 1845. His brilliant standing there is shown by his selection as valedictorian of his class. He was at this time not quite 21 years old. He returned to his native place, Newark, O., and two years later was admitted to the bar.

From the beginning of his professional life he took an active and practical interest in politics. In 1855 he was elected mayor of Newark, serving two years. His fine oratorical powers attracted public attention, and in 1857 he was sent to the state legislature by the Democrats. He at once became a leader, and in 1858-59 was speaker of the House. Later, at the outbreak of the civil war, he was strenuous in his opposition to President Lincoln and Republican measures to place Ohio in a state of defense and assist the general government. Grave doubts were for a time entertained of his loyalty to the Union, but after the firing on Fort Sumter he experienced a change of heart and signaled his change of policy by an eloquent war speech. The government at Washington was his government, he said, and by it—in peace or in war, right or wrong—he would ever stand. The soil of Ohio or of the North must not be invaded.

Thus far, however, he had only pledged himself to war in defense of the territory of the North. As the war progressed, his views enlarged, and on the 11th of November, 1861, he entered the U. S. service as lieutenant-colonel of the 76th Ohio Volunteers, and from this time to the close of the war he was continually at the front and in command of active troops except for a brief period of three months. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickasaw, Arkansas Post (when he was wounded) Resaca, Dallas, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, and Bentonville, and in the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, and in many minor affairs and skirmishes. On the "March to the Sea" with Sherman he commanded a division. On February 17th,

1866, he was mustered out a brigadier-general, with the brevet rank of major-general, "for gallant and meritorious service during the war," honors which his faithful and able service abundantly warranted. His field service was of the highest order, and he was known as a distinguished soldier throughout the western armies which served under Grant and Sherman.

At the close of the war he settled in Alabama, and engaged in cotton-planting, still maintaining, however, his practice of the law and taking an active interest in the reconstruction of the state, of which he became a Chancellor in 1868. In this position he displayed an ability which secured the cordial support of Republicans and of many Confederate lawyers for the position of judge of the fifth judicial circuit of the United States, to which position he was appointed by President Grant in December, 1869. In 1876-77, his circuit including the districts of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, and other Southern states, he preferred not to be intrusted with the decision of the South Carolina electoral canvassers, which was practically to settle the Hayes-Tilden presidential contest, so keenly was he sensible of the necessity of abolishing political considerations from his mind in this grave extremity of decision. For this reason another judge was sent into the circuit to relieve him of the case.

It was, therefore, an eminent tribute to his fairness when President Hayes, whose fortunes were in the balance which Judge Woods had refused to hold, raised him in 1880 to the Supreme Bench, which he has just quitted with the hearty esteem of his fellow-citizens and the profession at the bar. His administration in the five gulf states which composed the circuit was of the most efficient and satisfactory character. His work there covered some of the most difficult years of reconstruction. It was marked by high ability, undaunted courage, and a fairness which was widely recognized by the citizens of the states where his duties were performed. Upon his appointment to the Supreme Bench he at once took high rank among his associates. His death is regretted not only by his numerous legal friends and associates, but a wide circle of army veterans will recall his devoted and brilliant services under the flag and will mourn the death of the comrade in arms.

For the past year or more Judge Woods had been ailing from a complication of diseases, largely resulting from the exhausting ordeal of his campaigns and his arduous professional services since the close of the war. He returned from California a short time before his death, and there were strong hopes of improvement in his condition. But his

maladies speedily proved fatal, the immediate cause of his decease being dropsy of the heart. The funeral took place at Newark, O., May 17th. There were special funeral services held in Washington on the preceding day, which were attended by the President and his Cabinet, and all the surviving Justices of the Supreme Court. Chief-Justice Waite and Justice Gray accompanied the remains to Newark and acted as pall-bearers. In the funeral procession was carried the old 76th battle-flag, torn and rent by shot and shell, and heavily draped, followed by the survivors of the regiment who were present. The business houses and public offices were all closed in respect to the memory of Newark's distinguished citizen, while the court-house was draped with mourning. Eminent citizens were also present from abroad. In his death the court and the country have sustained a severe loss, and Beta Theta Pi loses another of her eminent sons who have done her and the nation great service and honor.

ONCE.

Once the world was filled with a music sweet,
 That sung through my heart and brain,
 Once the wind that sobbed in the swaying trees
 Awoke an ecstatic pain:
 Once my eyes found beauty in every place,
 At dawn and at set of sun,
 Once the hours in radiance glided by,
 As joyous as rivers run:
 And my thoughts swept out to the sounding sea
 With tides of joy and love,
 And my soul caught gleams of infinity
 And echoes from above.

But the busy world now hems me in,
 And dulls my sense of sight,
 And the hurried hours no longer bring
 A burden of beauty bright;
 And my ears are stopped to the music low
 That sings in the pine tree's top,
 And my heart no longer feels the glow,
 And passion it knoweth not.
 And unsung is the song I fain would sing,
 And mute are the lips for aye,
 For the night has come with its voiceless pall,
 And faded the light of day.

Harmon Seeley Babcock

EDITORIAL.

The Coming Convention.

THE announcement of the dates and program of the next convention was made in full in the preceding number of this magazine, and, as we trust, will be taken happily to heart by all the brethren. The attractions of the affair, both of locality and arrangements, are peculiarly inviting, and will doubtless draw such a throng of delegates and visitors as to make this the high-water mark of conventions, difficult as that ambition must be.

But a convention is not all for fun and frolic, and the many minds of the many men who attend it must also devote themselves seriously to business as well as pleasure, opportunities for both of which will be freely afforded. A number of important questions of policy and management will surely be put before the consideration of delegates. Some of these matters are perennial and hardy, like the "prep. question" and the ever-burning question of extension and withdrawal of chapters. The former has of late grown a little tiresome, and is not withal of such a nature as should excite violent expression or ready feuds, as we sincerely hope it will not soon again. Its solution may safely be left to the common-sense logic of events, and there is little use to quibble about or distort the constitution of the fraternity in order to attack or sustain some good chapter that must do the best thing it can—or die. We are opposed on general principles to initiating "preps.," and if a chapter can possibly live without doing so, it should not take them in. The only consistent and proper outcome likely seems to be to induce rivals to refrain from accepting them, as has been done in many institutions where the Greeks have found trouble in the matter. We therefore do not look for a revival of any excitement on the "prep. question"—nor should we advise it. Best let it alone.

Concerning the matter of extension and withdrawal there is much to be said, as there has been in the past and surely will be in the immediate future. We still stick to the propositions so often and so fully advocated in these pages—that some chapters should be withdrawn, and that some new chapters should be established in certain desirable institutions. At the last convention certain

steps were taken to both these ends, but with what effect of action or of counsel the authorities to whom the matter was entrusted have proceeded, is not known to us and could not therefore be discussed, even were these pages less public to the gaze of "our friends, the enemy." But, really, it is no use wasting further patience or sympathy on some of our drones and outcasts of chapters. They cannot or will not improve, and we shall be better far without them. There are but a very few chapters in bad condition, which, for a fraternity so large in numbers and widely spread in locality, is certainly remarkable. We can therefore well afford to rid ourselves of a set of pitiful creatures who are of no advantage to us in *personnel* or reputation, and only encumber us in this last sharp advance we are preparing to make, that will put us securely in the van of college fraternities. Our forces are well marshalled and equipped, and must we be hindered and embarrassed by a set of laggards who are only a drag and discredit to us?

Extension means work—that is, the kind of extension we want. There are a few desirable institutions which we must soon enter, if we want to be represented in some old fraternity fields, and do not wish the gates to be closed against us in certain new. The moment will never be riper. In the late past we have not encouraged extension, thinking that we had enough to do to unite and solidify our present possessions. Our growth during the past fifteen years had been extremely rapid, the climax coming in the great absorption of an important Eastern fraternity. Then it was fit to pause and rest, and weld the many new elements and acquisitions into one strong homogeneous whole. This has now been done, and done well. The organization has become compact, and its vigor is very great. During the years since 1880, up to last year, only three new chapters were established—at Columbia, Amherst and Vanderbilt—and these only because the inducements offered were distinctly first-class, both in college and men; while during the same time a full score of petitions were rejected, exclusive of those which were rendered abortive through official discouragement and never came to a vote in convention or chapters.

This conservatism allowed careful nurture of the new shoots, and brought about their thrifty growth into stable strength. Thus are we now ready to go forward again and enter upon fresh fields

and pastures new. The land is a goodly one, but we shall encounter great opposition in very many cases. We have come up out of the West, which is popularly supposed by some staid Eastern clans to be only a doubtful missionary field. So did the English intellect enter upon Hindustan, and they got—"The Light of Asia!" But with us it is not a matter of sentiment, but of business, and our important concern is to enter certain eminent institutions where we are not at present represented, but must be to round out our national domain. We shall be hotly opposed, as we have been in these "forays" and advances, and certain rivals who would contemptuously resent any implied stain on their 'scutcheons will, as usual, stoop to dishonorable practices in their efforts to repel our advance.

Then are there also some good and improving Western colleges where a field is now open or opening for us. Wealth and learning are not confined to any select section, and culture follows them, the result being that here and there in the great inland states are rising institutions that soon make for themselves a place and an influence. It will keep us annually on the alert to know well where our new Canaan lies, and we must have the decision to occupy it and gather its choicest fruits. But extension, as we again insist, can come only with work—that is, extension of the kind we want, that shall be permanent and creditable. The position we already hold can command success of the best sort, and that we must have. Talk and spirit are well enough to start with, but when any one has a notion, he must develop it into a definite plan and make others feel that it is good. Every college in view for a new chapter should be carefully considered in detail, both as regards its own standing and the character of the men we can get. Both the elements of college and personal worth are vital, and must go together towards the formation of new chapters. Let the business of all the delegates be the business of each, and in that way something worth doing may be done.

Much incidental business will arise in the convention on the reception and discussion of official reports and suggestions. The matter of this magazine will require some serious consideration, and several plans regarding its future management and usefulness will likely be proposed. In some respects a material change must

be effected to render it of the highest success as a fraternity organ. In brief, it must be better supported and its opportunities widened.

Some improvement must also be made in the condition of the fraternity finances, that will enable us to work to the best advantage in the management and advance of so large and widespread an organization. We have enough officials to equip the concern, but we also need the services of some active workers who can devote themselves directly to its business and guidance. In particular, we need a special agent who can travel about and examine into affairs that need his personal attention, as is often necessary. We have brains and experience enough at the head centres to assure success in planning and control, but there must be a "walking delegate" who shall care for the general condition of things. Our present "visiting officers" are mere figureheads at present—brethren who have little time and chance for visiting, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, have done but little work of late years and submitted no reports. The new visiting officer may best be the general secretary, who is in a position to do justice to matters with the best advantage. His functions should be enlarged and somewhat changed, so that he may be spared more of the petty details of business, and given greater authority and opportunity in the official control of affairs.

There must also be a reform in the location of the officers of the fraternity. They are at present rather widely scattered, more so than usual, owing to several accidents of removal and other causes. This diffusion, plainly speaking, and in no spirit of injustice to the present incumbents, does not work well. A representative government is very well where principles and ideas are at stake, but a business management, such as we are only concerned with, must be centralized, to act to its best use and advantage. The parts of it are so intimately connected and so inter-dependent that separation hinders greatly their working together. Centralization permits swifter counsels and swifter action. Many times have things gone almost or quite wrong, and severe embarrassments arisen, on account of the difficulty of concerted action on important affairs. For special instance, in the Board of Directors, out of nine, four are non-residents and have had no voice in its meetings, leaving only a bare quorum in Cincinnati together.

Plainly, we are in favor of having all the members of the board residents of this city, not because of local pride or ambition, but simply to facilitate the transaction of official business. If any of the other prominent brethren may wish complimentary positions, let us not gratify them at the expense of handicapping our management, but create, if need be, a few complimentary offices, such as "archons," "tribunes," or any other euphonious classical titles that may give innocent pleasure to worthy gentlemen whose interest and aid we desire to retain unimpaired.

The choice of place for next year's convention must not be made lightly. For the past few years we have tried several experiments that have not wholly proved satisfactory. It is very generous to favor a locality, but if it is done at the cost of impairing the usefulness of the convention, the result is not to be recommended. The transaction of business is the chief object of our conventions, and the locality that will probably draw the largest attendance ought to be considered most seriously. Conventions have not infrequently been obliged to forego decisions on important and urgent matters on account of a lack of a constitutional quorum to permit the passage of measures. And as far as enthusiasm goes, it is usually at its highest with the greatest crowd, and more direct results of it will thus follow to chapters that have delegates present. We trust that the Wooglin-on-Chautauqua convention will be a fit success according to our hopes, for to our mind it combines certain attractions of location and pleasuring that cannot readily be duplicated elsewhere. And an abundant success this year will probably prove a forerunner to the choice of the same place or some other convenient like resort for later conventions.

May we all attend!

We Are a Western Fraternity.

IN all our ambitions, and possibly excitement, regarding extension, we must not lose sight of or forget the fact that Beta Theta Pi is a Western fraternity. The West is where we were born, bred, and have thriven, and from this native domain do we derive our strength. We have long and well occupied it and have taken the commanding position in it, and by virtue of that

attitude attained, we should never have cause to fear or to diminish in strength. The six most eminent collegiate institutions in the land are in the East, except Michigan University; but outside of these five, there are a score or more of Western seats of learning that surpass most of the rest in the East. And the disposition of numbers, strength, and influence will continually increase as the great interior states and the Far West wax in wealth and culture, establishing and endowing their scholastic institutes. For us, therefore, the word of warning should go forth to keep good hold on what we have in the West and South, where we now have high sway. For into this section must soon come the conservative Eastern orders, which must otherwise in time shrivel away and die of dry-rot.

The West is our stronghold, but we shall try to occupy the whole land of the best colleges, not in any rash spirit of invasion, but earnestly and steadfastly, because we want our fraternity to be representative of all that is the best. Sectionalism is the worst possible spirit of influence in any fraternity, and we are already too strongly bound by fraternal ties to every section ever to wish to entertain it. Wherever we advance, therefore, let us go with a kindly spirit, simply to establish our own principles and purposes. If rivals can suffer us and live with us in peace and toleration, let them do so; but if they can not, or will not, they will simply find themselves at fault somehow or other before we have let go. By the slow but gradual process of careful accretion, we are bound to gain all that we desire, if we shall but guard well and enlarge the citadel of our strength in the West, whence we are.

The Fraternity Type of American Life.

It is a little mortifying at times, we frankly admit, to read over the list of great literary lights, genuine and honorary members, possessed by some of the leading Eastern fraternities. And a sentimental young Beta, who can write a neat little essay or a few graceful rhymes, is sometimes apt to feel a little envious of the glory of these rivals in that regard, and to think that, as a fraternity, we perhaps lack a little culture and taste in the fine arts of life. Granted; but does it ever occur that literary talent, or at least the fruit of it, has been almost solely confined to a small

coterie of people on the Atlantic coast, and chiefly centered in and about Boston? The days when it was scornfully asked abroad, Who reads an American book?—or writes one, for that matter—have happily passed; but still, the representatives of American literature, except the very youthful generation, were mainly bred in that section which has had the greatest advantages of acquired wealth and cultured leisure. About the old Eastern colleges, too, has long existed a circle of professors and thinkers who have long written most of the American books and supplied most of the literary ideas.

The old Eastern fraternities were of course mainly located at the old Eastern colleges, and among them all were very likely to pick up the most promising young men, whose later success has brought fame and honor to all concerned. But often in quite dubious ways, even, were some of these notable men enrolled in fraternity ranks, as, for instance, at Harvard, where fraternities were long ago prohibited during an extended term of years, amounting to a generation or two. Several of the old fraternity chapters, like Alpha Delta Phi and D. K. E., for instance, went right ahead under the same name as open local clubs, having a large membership, including many of the best young men in college. Then, when the college was opened again to fraternities, they rushed forward to claim their own long-lost posterity, and eagerly enrolled in fraternity catalogues and invited to reunions and conventions all those intermediate alumni of the intervening period of suspension of active connection. It is a fact somewhat amusing to a real, genuine fraternity man that many alumni of so-called chapters in two eminent Eastern institutions do not realize that they ever belonged to anything but local clubs until after they have left college and find themselves enrolled in a fraternity and associated with enthusiasts who have hunted them up through bearing a common name. These gentlemen do not usually object—why should they? Few men, not excepting *litterateurs*, would willfully decline a little puffery and a good dinner once in a while.

Now, if our young Beta will only turn his gaze in another direction, into the records of his own fraternity in a certain line, he will there notice something well worthy of remark. He will find

that Beta Theta Pi has a marvelous political record, not of one or two or a half-dozen prominent men, but of a long line of men in public office, as governors, senators, representatives, judges, and minor honorables of all degrees—a list that easily surpasses any other fraternity by far. He will also find a surprisingly large proportion of our alumni became lawyers or ministers by profession, and in the church and at the bar very many of them attained to eminence of position and distinction of reputation. Many, too, became teachers and professors, while but few ever turned to literature as a profession, or even as a diversion.

Now, why and how did this state of things arise, that Beta Theta Pi should have had so many sons gain renown at the forum and in the pulpit? The reason of it all is that our fraternity, being chiefly located in the interior states and colleges, was composed of members who came from the community that had to work, and work hard, for a living; and when these young men came to college they came to fit themselves for professions in which they might earn their daily bread by mental labor. The most opportune openings were in the law; in the ministry, to which many were originally inclined through sectarian influences and colleges; and in teaching. The law naturally led into politics—as it does still, and did formerly more strongly, when a lawyer was perforce an all-around speaker, and must be a “good fellow” besides. These professional men mentioned had no time for cultivating the fine arts of life. They spoke, not wrote, and perhaps had more influence—certainly gained more general success. Literature was then only an exotic, cultivated with some care by a select coterie of Eastern scholars and travelers. But the interior and Western states were only being developed, and the people who lived in them, among whom were nearly all the alumni Betas, had better need of stalwart men and planning brains than of graceful ideas and harmonious periods.

Now, what does all this mean? It means that it is evident that Beta Theta Pi, as a fraternity, is typical of American life; that it reflects more perfectly and vividly than any other like order the spirit of the educated American. The age just passing away was one rife with great political and civil events, in which the Beta alumni were strongly represented in every direction in

the seething turmoil of abundant and vigorous life. The fraternity thus fulfilled its early destiny and partook notably of the character of the times, in which its alumni played prominent parts. There is nothing to regret, and but little more to wish for, in the past. The fraternity spirit was racy, smacking of the soil, and it leapt and spent itself in the avenues of reputation open to it.

A quieter, more cultured epoch seems dawning upon the American people. Great wealth has been attained to in many quarters, and even in localities where, only a generation ago, there was but a raw, ruthless strife for living comforts existence is easier for all, and many people possess competences which their children will inherit. Thus is the way prepared for that entrance of the refinements of life and the cultivation of the highest tastes which can only come with wealth and leisure. Literature, as such, has begun to shed its light into almost every hamlet, and about one out of every ten educated persons is now trying to write something. Some will succeed, perhaps, among which we trust our young Beta will be happily included, if he is not altogether a supposititious person.

But enough has been said to prove and clinch our argument. The era just passing away was not a literary era, except in spots; its life was turbulent, laborious, and exciting, and the notable Betas who came to the front were typical of its influences and conditions. The times demanded vitality and energy, and the men were supplied. If the later times invite greater grace and keener culture, we fully trust that our ranks will feel the spirit, and that, without lacking or slacking in any of the qualities that have given past success, the fraternity will both prove itself receptive to new influences and have the vigor to take full advantage of finer opportunities of whatever kind that offer.

Let us Sing a Song.

WE TAKE great pleasure in announcing that the song-book is well under way, and that, when completed, a very admirable work may confidently be expected. The agent and chief editor, brother Frank M. Joyce, has been actively engaged during the past winter and spring in canvassing the chapters for contributions and suggestions, and has also had the assistance and co-operation

of musical experts in the selection and arrangement of music. The songs, it is intended, shall consist of about three varieties: (1) strictly fraternity songs and favorites adopted and endeared by long usage; (2) general college songs of the most popular nature, chosen from the several collections now in vogue, thus affording common ground for miscellaneous singing at inter-collegiate meetings and reunions; (3) a selection of high-class music and part-songs for the use and training of glee clubs and chapter quartets, etc. It is not proposed to "enrich" the volume by many original songs, written to order by the grace of Wooglin or any other inspiration; but it is hoped that a few creditable additions will be made to our song lore by some of our gifted musicians. From time to time various songs in words only have appeared in these columns and offer good material for musical ideas to fit them. A few examples in this line would not, we hope, add too severely to the burden of our song.

The song-book will not be ready for presentation to the convention, however, as the work, from its ambitious character, will require much time and care, which must be taken from the leisure of busy men. But any assistance and suggestion emanating from any kindly source will be highly appreciated and carefully considered.

President White's Article.

WE PRESENT in this issue an eminent article from *The Forum* magazine for May, on "College Fraternities," by Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University. The paper is especially valuable, aside from its striking literary quality and forcible compactness of argument, for being the mature opinion of a distinguished authority who not only knows college fraternities well from within as an active member of one of them, but has also had practical experience of their workings among the complex influences of student life. The favorable opinion which Mr. White gives of their history and scope ought now to stifle once and for all the abuse often received by them from intolerant bigots and malignants; while the fraternities themselves may, with great profit, heed the wise suggestions which the writer throws out regarding dangers to be avoided and the line of progress to be

followed. Just so far as a fraternity preserves its integrity of purpose and propriety of behavior will it be fit to live and to prosper, and make itself a successful and beneficent force in college life. The points made by Mr. White should be seriously considered and taken to heart by every fraternity man.

In only a few respects may we venture to attempt to supplement the admirable discussion of the question as presented in the article. In one place Mr. White remarks upon the advantage a fraternity may derive from the active counsel and co-operation of its alumni, the inference being that alumni do not, as a rule, interest themselves in fraternity affairs. While this may be true, and doubtless largely is, of the purely Eastern clans, with which he is most familiar, we do not concede it in regard to Beta Theta Pi; but distinctly claim that one great influence in our success and advance as a fraternity is the prominent part our alumni do play in the conduct and guidance of its affairs. Our fraternity is, moreover, a strongly centralized order, with living principles and definite aims, and an active supervision is maintained over all its branches. It is in no wise a loose aggregation of local clubs, hardly bound together by any stronger tie than a common name, and bearing very light allegiance to a common cause. For this reason it is a peculiarly homogeneous fraternity, loyal in its interrelations and congenial in its *personnel*. It would be difficult indeed for us to conceive of one of our chapters ever going very far astray without effort or power to control it, either by disciplining, reforming or withdrawing it. Never has an outside executioner been called in to administer the quietus, as in the case mentioned by Mr. White, and in other well-known examples elsewhere.

Again, it naturally follows that loyal fraternity alumni make loyal college alumni, and the fraternity that can retain the affection and excite the continued regard of its older men thus stands in a very laudable relation to the institutions in which its chapters are placed. Chapter letters in the magazine, chapter correspondence and circulars, chapter reunions and banquets, fraternity conventions—all these serve well to revive in the graduate's heart the memory of his fair *Alma Mater* and to renew his sacred love for her. A fraternity that can thus make loyal alumni is worth much, both to itself and to a college, and that is what Beta Theta Pi sincerely desires to prove itself to be always.

MISCELLANY.

The Denver Annex.

It gives us great pleasure to reprint the following semi-annual circular, which fully explains itself:

To all our brothers in Beta Theta Pi:

It gives us the greatest of pleasure to greet you as *brothers*, which we do by the grace of Alpha Nu. For after Rho had, for unknown reasons, refused the privilege extended her by the last convention to initiate men at Denver University, it was Alpha Nu, which kindly and without hesitation, requested that the dispensation granted Rho be transferred to herself, and the request was granted by a unanimous vote of the directors. Thus, after six months of anxious, but not thankless, waiting, we were ready to proceed with our initiations. Brothers Iliff, White, Murtz, and Moore were the only Betas here at the time, and a glance at our roll, which follows, will show those whom we have received into the bonds of our brotherhood:

'88—Will S. Iliff, A. B., Denver; Charles K. Durbin, A. B., Denver; Joseph W. Stocks, A. B., Denver; Clarence J. White, Special, Georgetown, Colo.; Alfred T. Moore, A. B., Denver. '89—Hubert L. Shattuck, B. S., Denver; Lewis B. Murtz (Psi '82), M. D., Bellaire, Ohio; Frederick W. McCartney, A. B., Denver. '90—Henry L. Wriston, A. B., Denver.

Our initiations took place on the evenings of April 30th and May 21st, and were very enjoyable occasions, for the old Betas at least. Brothers Leach, of Alpha Nu, Hersey, of Eta, Whitford, of Alpha Beta, Davis, of Alpha Eta, Coe, of Lambda, and Cranston and Kitchen of our own alumni helped us very materially in the disposal of the initiates and *dopy*.

We feel proud of our chapter, for each member would be an honor to a much older one. Laboring as we did under so many discouraging circumstances, the success we have achieved, although delayed, was all the more welcome. We have a pleasant hall, nicely furnished with piano and cabinets, and take great pleasure in our weekly meetings. As to our position in school life: There is scarcely an honor connected with our university which we have not captured. The principal offices of the base ball, foot ball and tennis clubs are occupied by Betas. The gymnasium association, Y. M. C. A. and prohibition club are officered almost exclusively by our members. Brother Stocks is president of the

Phi Alpha Literary Society. Brothers Stocks and Moore represented D. U. in state oratorical contest; indeed for the past four years, since the organization of the state association, D. U. has had no representatives but members of our fraternity. Brother Stocks succeeded in securing first place and honorably represented Colorado at Bloomington. Six of the seven editors and managers of our college paper, *The Hesperus*, are members of Denver Alpha Nu.

Our Denver alumni number among them our Chancellor, David H. Moore, D.D., Judges S. H. Elbert, W. F. Stone and E. T. Wells, Rev. Bayard Craig and many of our most influential citizens. Brother E. M. Cranston, '85, is recognized as one of the rising young lawyers of the city. Brother Kitchen, '86, is also in the city, and both meet with us and lend us the inspiration of their zeal and presence.

The following changes in the faculty take place next year:

R. J. Pitkin, instructor in Latin, leaves to enter the law, and Mr. Horace E. Dunham, A. M., Ph. D., (Yale), from Richmond, Ind., has been secured to take his place. Miss Mattie M. Young, Columbus, Ohio, will instruct in French and German, and Preston Powers, of Boston will take charge of the sculpture department of the school of art.

The outlook for next year is exceedingly promising. To be sure, we do not expect the college classes to compare with those of eastern institutions in number, yet what we lack in that regard seems to be made up in a great degree by the excellent material to be found in the college. The manual training department has outgrown itself, and the plans and specifications for a new building, to be finished by September 1st, are already made. The building will be 67x85, of three stories. It will contain lecture and reception rooms for the faculty and students of the medical college, and rooms for the manual training department on the first and second floors. Above, the art department and gymnasium will have magnificent rooms with high ceilings and plenty of light. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. University Park, the suburban site for our institution, is being "boomed" to the greatest extent. Lots are selling rapidly, and we expect to take possession of the beautiful site within five years. *Apropos* of our removal to University Park, it may be well to state that we have \$1,500 assured for a chapter-house as soon as that happy event occurs, provided, however, our honored fraternity may by that time see fit to confer upon us a charter for a regular chapter.

We again ask that favor of the coming convention, knowing as we do that between Lawrence and Berkeley there is not an institution of

learning that can compare in any way with our own. We are happy even to hold our present connection with the fraternity, but feel that with a regular chapter we could do better work with far more satisfaction to all concerned. If, however, the delegates to the convention do not regard things in that light, we will cheerfully bow to fate and do the best we can. Our prospects in the class of '91 are good. We have no rivals; hence there is no excuse for speedy initiations, and we do not intend to accept a member till we are assured of his fitness in every particular.

Brother George C. Manly, '85, finishes his law course at Ann Arbor this year, and brother W. A. Moore, of the same class, comes from the Columbia Law School to meet with us in the Commencement celebration.

We cordially invite all Betas, who pass through Denver to make us a call, and we will treat them with the kindest courtesy.

Faternally yours, in ——— *zal* ———,

A. Truman Moore, Cor. Sec.

Denver, Colo., May, 1887.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

Allow me, as a New York City member of the fraternity, to complete your very full and excellent report of the Hoadly dinner at Delmonico's, March 29th. The dinner was, as is well known, a success—a social event that has never been excelled by any college fraternity in this city. It is well, then, to properly assign the credit for such an achievement in the history of an organization so new to the East as is Beta Theta Pi. No sooner was the project of welcoming Gov. Hoadly mentioned—early in January, I believe—than brother John I. Covington took hold of it with enthusiasm. From that day he gave it constant encouragement. Strange to say, there are a few inconsiderate ones who predicted for it a disgraceful failure, and worked to bring about such a result. That it was not a failure is, in my opinion, due solely to the wisdom and courage of brother Covington in dealing with these discontented spirits.

When the dinner was proposed to Judge Hoadly, a date—the only one open—but two weeks distant was fixed. Covington went to work at once, giving his attention solely to the affair. He subscribed generously of his money, and for several days sacrificed his business. Above all, the handsome pink-and-blue *menu* card, with its beautiful design, was his work, for Covington is an artist as well as a Beta. In short, he *made* the dinner a success. Of course we all worked, but we worked in the warmth of brother Covington's enthusiasm.

Albion Morris Dyer, one of the Committee.

Note on the Next Convention.

In our April number we presented in full the prospectus and program of the next convention, to be held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, July 20th, 21st, 22d and 23rd. To this notice there is little to add now, except to urge all to remember the dates and make earnest efforts to attend. Everything will be done to make it an object for the brethren to come a long distance. The new railroad on the east side of the lake is about completed, and will be open for business this summer, with a station at Wooglin just a few rods distant from the club-house. A very successful season is anticipated on the lake this year. It may be mentioned that Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, one of Gamma's noted roll, has bought a lot at Wooglin, and has engaged rooms at the club-house for July. He will be the orator of the convention.

Chas. J. Seaman, 174 Superior street, Cleveland, O., will furnish all information about the convention and the club-house. The post-office for Wooglin is Point Chautauqua, N. Y.

Special Notice to Chapter Cor. Secs.

The General Secretary earnestly requests that the chapter corresponding secretaries act promptly and accurately in sending him their annual reports for the year and the semi-annual circulars. The early assembling of the convention this year necessitates his making out his own report a month earlier than usual. Address J. Cal. Hanna, 47 South Sixth Street, Columbus, Ohio.

 CHAPTER LETTERS.
INDIANA.

The college year is ended at Indiana University. With respect to Pi chapter it has been both uneventful and eventful: uneventful as regards the flashily sensational manifestations by which, for the past year or two, it has emphasized its presence and made its influence in the social and political field of I. U. felt, and for which it enjoys quite a local reputation; eventful, very, in its specialty, the cultivation of sociability and refinement among its members, and its efforts to make the chapter a part of a *fraternity*, not a literary society, a political machine, or a band of "grabbers." The prizes offered in the college have not proved very tempting to the Betas. In only one contest was a member of Pi numbered among the contestants, and in that case brother Rabb, our only representative, carried off first place on the "Baldwin," the prize which carries with it the highest honor of the college, besides a neat pecuniary consideration.

Athletics have evidently been more to the taste of the chapter. On the foot-ball team brother Howard was full back, Cornell end rush, and Rabb and Wise half backs, the last being also captain. Base-ball, however, is Indiana University's "best hold." It is the game which here stands pre-eminently foremost in the estimation of all the college people, and positions on the nine are much-sought honors. Add to this the fact that the I. U. team usually holds front rank among the college nines of Indiana, and it is not wonderful that Pi congratulates herself on having two places on the nine—Cornell, pitcher, and Rabb, second base. Owing to failure of arrangement, this team played but one game this spring, defeating the De Pauw team by a score of 28 to 7. Although not fully recovered from a spell of sickness, and weak from the attack, Cornell pitched a splendid game, striking out fifteen men, only two base hits being secured by the De Pauw boys, who persisted in designating his fine "drops" as "draws."

The Commencement exercises were somewhat duller than usual this year, due to the most of the students going home as soon as examinations were done, and but little worth noting in this place transpired. On the night of June 6th the Phi Delta Thetas tendered a banquet to their alumni, which was accounted a brilliant success. Except for the banquets of the various classes and the alumni, this was the only feature of the kind during the festivities. Visitors were not so numerous as usual, but we were cheered by the presence of brothers Mendenhall of Beta, Haines of Tau, and Roberts, Alexander, Coomes and Richardson of Pi, the first three delivering addresses during Commencement, and the last, with brother Miers, a resident alumnus, constituting our representation on the Board of Trustees. We received visits from these at our old hall for the last time, as we shall occupy our new quarters, a suite of four rooms, at the beginning of next year. The Sigma Chi will also enter upon the occupation of new rooms at the same time, and the new chapter of Delta Tau Delta will probably purchase one of the two deserted halls.

Considerable change has taken place in the standing of the various chapters here, and in order of real merit are, as nearly as can be determined, as follows: Beta Theta Pi, with 18 members; Phi Delta Theta, with 22; Phi Gamma Delta, 20; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Sigma Chi, 25; Delta Tau Delta, nine; Kappa Sigma, three. This change has all been due to the mysterious forces which mould the destinies of chapters, except in the case of Phi Kappa Psi, whose decline and fall is directly traceable to factional quarrels resulting in the expulsion of two members, one of these their best man, the resignation of another, and the threatened resignation of three or four more.

As the troubles of the Oratorical Association are now settled, it may not be amiss to epitomize the struggle, which, starting here, convulsed the state and reached even to the interstate association. Up to the fall of 1885, the various factions of the college had freely entered into combinations, the Betas, owing to their stand in the matter, almost always holding the balance of power. At the time above mentioned, the "barb." faction, which had always been foremost in these combina-

tions, at the suggestion and under the leadership of a selfishly ambitious and unprincipled man, formed a new "literary society," to better centralize their forces and so gain entire control of the Oratorical Association. Knowing their intentions, the other factions desired to save themselves from the rule of this power. Owing to the offices held by them, the Betas were the arbitrators in the case, and, on condition that the merit system would be adopted, agreed to settle the matter. The movement succeeded and the merit system was adopted in March, 1886. Exasperated at being thus thwarted in their designs, the "barbs." and Phi Delta Thetas, who were in combination with them, held a separate contest and sent a second orator to the state contest. The result was a shocking scene at Indianapolis and the rupture of the state association. At the interstate meeting, the action of the "barbs." and Phi Delta Thetas was condemned, and the matter rested. At all the colleges in Indiana the matter was adjusted, except here, no contest being held this year. The matter was finally settled this spring at Indianapolis, the decision being against the "barbs." Indiana University will probably again assume her place in the association next year.

For the last four years the college has steadily risen, with 143 students in the college in 1884, 157 in 1885, 202 in 1886, and this year 263. Parallel with this increase in the number of students, the faculty has increased from 16 in 1884, 19 in 1885, 24 in 1886, to 26 in 1887. The number for next year will be yet greater, but we are not informed of the number. As an evidence of this prosperity is the fact that two new fraternities, Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta, have this spring entered the university. The prospect of an increased attendance next year predicts a successful career for all, and bids fair to increase the fraternity feeling of the institution, already remarkable for its abundance of Greek sentiment.

R. F. Hight, B. V. Sudbury, Ass't Cor. Secs.

WITTENBERG.

With all truth can it be said that with this June Alpha Gamma will close one of her most successful years. Not only on the score of the work which we have done, and the honors which have accrued to us, can it be said, but also from a social and congenial point of view. As a chapter, we have been a unit in all college affairs. Standing firmly upon what we consider our rights, no offensive antagonism has been displayed either by us or against us. Early in the year an attempt was made to introduce the pan-hellenic idea, but it lacked supporters. Still, in general the intercourse between the fraternities represented here is courteous. Except in the strife for new men, and the race for honors, no discord is evident. As to the standing of the various chapters in scholarship, Beta Theta Pi stands unquestionably first, with Phi Kappa Psi second, Alpha Tau Omega third, and Phi Gamma Delta fourth. Socially, Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi equally divide the honors. The other two fraternities pay small attention to this part of college life. In athletics, the base-ball contests are more among the

classes than the fraternities, though Phi Kappa Psi has a nine. However, brothers Keller and Ort usually represent Alpha Gamma in the games. Keller has the reputation of being the best pitcher in the college.

In regard to the occurrences of interest in the college which have taken place since our last letter, little can be said, as they have been few in number. On the evening of May 20th the Commencement of the theological department of the college was held, when brothers S. E. Greenawalt and E. W. Simon, both of '84, graduated. They assume charges at a distance, and we greatly regret to part with these brothers, who have been so long with us.

On June 2nd a formal opening of the art studio was given. This is the latest department added to the college, and, with the conservatory of music to be opened next fall, will no doubt be a means of greatly increasing the number of lady students attending the college.

As to the outlook for the chapter this year, we lose by graduation two men, J. S. Simon and W. W. Witmeyer. But one honor, this Commencement, was given by the faculty, and this was awarded to brother Simon. On class day, Witmeyer acts as "consolator," and Simon as orator. The latter will enter the theological department next term, while the former has been elected to the principalship of one of the schools of the city. This will give four Beta principals to the public schools here. The others are brothers Weir, Spinning and Patterson, all alumni of Alpha Gamma. So both of our graduates this year will remain with us. During Commencement week we expect to have a grand *Doxy*, when we shall initiate one member of the class of '90, and four of '91. Two more in '91 are pledged, but they will not be initiated until next term. Since the opening of the New Wittenberg, the classes are growing larger, and "frat." material is correspondingly more abundant, of which Beta Theta Pi, as usual, has her fair choice. With this number of new men certain, and those who will be "rushed" at the opening of next term, the chapter will be in better condition than ever, next year. Our chapter-house fund, which was instituted about a year ago, is increasing, and before many terms go by, Beta Theta Pi will have a chapter-house at Wittenberg.

Harrie M. Humphreys, Cor. Sec.

PENNSYLVANIA.

"Now, I tell you, boys, our prospects for next year are pretty good." That's the way the fellows are talking at present. Although we shall be sadly depleted in numbers, and also scattered throughout the different departments, we will be an answer to the question that one of our alumni asked at a recent meeting: "Which is better, a chain six feet long, with several rotten links, or a chain three feet long, with all the links solid and well united?" Very soon after coming back in the fall, we wish to make our chapter-chain as long and strong as possible, and to this end we *must* have permanent quarters. Right here I will remark that the reason why our Cor. Sec., in the May semi-annual, requestad chapters sending members to the U. of P. should let us know,

was that we might have all the brethren dwell in the same house, crowd all "barbs." out, and thus virtually have a chapter-house. This want of a home during the year just passed has been one of our greatest drawbacks. Another one of our misfortunes was to have most of our men in the higher classes, and as none of our Seniors were in the arts department, they were confined in their special laboratories all day and had no chance to do any frat. work. This in part explains our poor record last year. But we intend that all things shall be changed, and there are several encouraging facts which lead us to expect better things. Several of our Seniors will be back as post-Seniors; Sluck, Maison and Rabe (not *Babe*, although he is our baby), all three enthusiastic and first-class Betas, will work for us in the medical department, and Fetterolf will have a chance to do good work in the biological department, where he will remain another year. In addition to this, there will probably be a Beta elected to the chair of physiology in this same department, and he will help us very greatly. And there are yet several other facts which encourage us: we have one man pledged, and probably shall have two more, and we shall also have a large Freshman class to look into. If we can only keep the chapter vigorous for three or four years yet, there will be no doubt as to the future, for one of Phi's members has five or six first-class little fellows fixed, all anxious to become Betas, and who will probably enter college in the classes of '93 and '94.

Now a word as to our alumni. I think our chapter has the good fortune to have as fine a lot of alumni, *in themselves*, as it has been the fortune of any chapter to have. *But*, they seem to a great extent to have forgotten all about their old chapter. There are several notable exceptions to this, however. Brother Maris' rosy cheeks have done much to make our chapter meetings enjoyable, and Dr. Hare continues to take a very active interest in Phi's welfare. The latter brother is, as I heard remarked the other day, "one of the rising young physicians of Philadelphia." He has recently added another prize to the list of those he has already taken, and he is becoming quite well known among the profession for his communications to the medical papers. We recently gave a fish dinner to the Philadelphia alumni and Phi chapter, and a very enjoyable occasion it was. To have been a true Beta dinner, it should have been a *dog*-fish dinner, but unfortunately for the name it was a planked shad dinner, and a good one. There is a rumor afloat that Dr. Parvin will give all the Betas in the city a grand *dopy* in the fall, but it is not at all a certainty. We hope it will be, in good time.

Our college annual has just appeared, thus enabling me to give some fraternity statistics. In the first place, there are two fewer chapters in the *Record* than were there last year; Alpha Tau Omega, which is dead, and Phi Alpha Theta, about which I do not know, as it may intend to confine itself to the medical department. That leaves six remaining—Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Kappa Sigma. The reason I put them in this order is because it is the order followed in the *Record*. On account of considerable discussion as to precedence, it was decided to put them alphabetically. The numerical strength of the several chapters is as follows:

Beta Theta Pi, 16; Delta Phi, 21; Delta Psi, 29; Zeta Psi, 24; Phi Kappa Sigma, 32; Phi Kappa Psi, 34.

There are lots of other things to tell about—about Commencement, how Gov. Beaver turned away from talking with the faculty, trustees, etc., to talk with the Betas about the old fraternity, etc.; but there are letters to come in the fall, and such things are always pleasant to tell.

George Fetterolf, Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND.

In our last letter we reported prosperity and success, and we are glad to write that they are continuing, but sorry to report the loss of two brethren. Laws, our corresponding secretary, left us in the first part of April, being called home on account of the illness of his father. C. T. Smith has been elected to take his place. Not long after Laws' departure we were again bereft of a fellow-member by the removal of Kinney from Richmond to New York. He was organist of Monumental Episcopal Church in this city, and left to accept a similar position in New York. We feel the loss of these brethren very much, but yet hope to be able to maintain our standing with the remaining eight. Our number was brought down by the loss of these men to be equal to that of one of the other fraternities, but inferior to that of none.

Our session is gradually drawing to a close, and Commencement will soon be on hand. I will give a synopsis of the exercises. On Friday night, the 17th, the "Jollification" will take place in which the Betas have a prominent part. On the following Sunday the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. Osgood, of Rochester, N. Y. On Monday night the society celebrations will take place, and on Tuesday evening the address before the literary societies will be delivered by Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, of West Virginia. The alumni will have their celebration on Wednesday evening, on which occasion Hon. W. R. Meredith, of Richmond, will address them. Thursday night is the regular Commencement night on which the graduates will receive their diplomas.

We shall lose two men with the close of his session—Harris, who expects to go into business in the fall, and Roy, by graduation. These are our two oldest members, and we shall miss them greatly next session. We hope, however, to have Harris in the city for a while, at least, and will get great assistance from him in "spiking" the "rats." One or two of our other brethren are talking about not returning; but we hope their zeal for Alpha Kappa will induce them to do so.

Our prospects for next session are very promising. Five are expecting to return, and we hope also to have brother Cutter, who was with us last session, but is now in business in the city. He was with us two sessions and proved himself a very good and active member, so we are very glad to have him return. This will increase our number to six, our original number this session, and we hope to do as good work, if not better. We have our eye on a few promising men who are expecting to come to college next session, and will try to do our

duty by them. Our principal rivals will be the Kappa Alphas and Phi Deltas, who will lose some of their best men this session. It is most too early to speak of honors, but hope to hold our own as usual. The college expects to make some improvements in the way of building during the summer, which will not only enhance its beauty but increase its usefulness. Brother Leroy Lyon left for West Point a few weeks ago, to which institution he has received the State appointment over many competitors. We received favorable reports of our alumni from all over the country. On the 22nd of this month we shall celebrate our final "dorg," and all Betas are invited to be present.

A. M. Carroll, Asst. Cor. Sec.

WESTERN RESERVE.—ADELBERT.

" When the year is almost o'er,
And amain comes on vacation,
And also comes an ancient bore,
The student's curse, Examination."

Looking back over the past year I can say that it has been the most successful year which the Beta has seen since her reorganization. Those who have gathered around her shrine have on the whole been more congenial than ever before, the number larger, and not an incident has occurred to mar the perfect serenity of our chapter life. Starting out in the fall with 7 men, we nearly doubled our number by the capture of 5 Freshmen and one special. However, we were soon forced to yield to the seductive powers of Lambda in winning from our fold brother Parks, whose pleasant face and ever ready suggestions lent to our meetings a special attraction; also, a short time since, Clay Herrick accepted a situation in one of the city banks, and Hickok, "the kid of all the babes," left for the West, where he will spend the summer. Both will return to college next term.

Of college honors Beta has had her share. We were represented at Junior Exhibition, on the ball nine, and on the board of *Reserve* editors. Hathaway has been appointed one of the prize speakers. At the Field Day exercises Beta showed her prowess by running off with six prizes and walking off with one more. Nothing can be more gratifying than the interest which our alumni show toward us, and the past year has been made especially delightful by the many visits which have been paid us. Nothing can so fire the enthusiasm of an undergraduate as the presence of a "silver grey" in a chapter meeting, and the echo of years gone by, yet possessing the ring of the true Greek still.

Four years ago the chapter bought a lot near the college whereon to build a house, and immediately the grandest air castles were erected. Unfortunately, however, nothing more material has been substituted. We have lately been making a renewed effort to raise the necessary funds to complete our enterprise, but the most we have been able to effect has been to discover the alarming financial instability which the majority of our alumni are perfectly willing to confess.

We lose two men by graduation, but with one barb. who is a "host in himself," we look forward to another year of prosperity. No changes have taken place in the college since our last letter. We are still on the hunt for a president of the institution, and from present indications the game has not even been flushed yet. Commencement occurs on June 22, and on the night preceding we warn all Betas in and around Cleveland to harken for the plaintive howl of a dying dorg.

Loren A. Sadler, Cor.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

As another college year draws to its close, the inclination naturally comes to review it and see what has been accomplished. Theta has not had a large membership, but just enough to make fraternity life agreeable and profitable. We have realized the value of the ties that hold us and have been mutually benefited by our fellowship. Our meetings have been especially enjoyable: several Betas from other chapters and our own alumni have been present at them, and we have greatly enjoyed the instructive remarks and advice which were always received from them. Besides among the regular attendants have been several of our Delaware alumni, of whom there are twenty. Their encouragement and help have shown what a source of strength to a chapter is the hearty co-operation of its resident alumni. The semi-annual report has announced the death of brother M. G. Park, '86, of consumption, in California; though it was expected, yet the shock was severe, as we remembered how shortly before he had been in our midst.

In times past we have always taken an interest in base-ball, and when there was sufficient material in the chapter have had our team. Though the attempt to organize an inter-fraternity league failed, yet this spring three of the six fraternities took the field. In the first game, played on a miserable day, Phi Kappa Psi was defeated by us. Since then we have beaten Phi Delta Theta, and a second time Phi Kappa Psi, in a score of 30 to 4. It is not likely any more games will be played. On Decoration Day the customary Beta picnic was held at White Sulphur Springs. Ten members of the chapter, accompanied by as many loyal Beta girls, and brothers Fairbanks and Milligan with their Beta girls of the past, present and future, constituted the frolickers. A heavy rain made it necessary to take shelter in the Industrial Home near by; here the refreshments were served and the happy affair concluded with songs "to the tune of our light guitars."

The Bijou, our college annual, has come from the hands of the printer, and its excellence surpasses the most sanguine expectations of its friends. It certainly reflects great honor upon its publishers, the fraternities. The exercises of Commencement week of the O. W. U. will begin June 17th with the Zetagathean annual, on which brother Manly has a position. Then will follow the preparatory Commencement and various other entertainments. The Field Day on Wednesday, June 15th, promises to be as successful as in former years. Of course, the closing event will be the Commencement, which, for variety, is modeled after the plan of a century ago—that is, everybody will speak

It would not be proper to close this letter without saying something about our prospects, since this is a subject to which students are partial, and we especially have good reason to be so. One man will be lost by graduation; all the present members expect to return next fall; and two, who have dropped out for a time, expect to re-enter and graduate with '89; finally, at Commencement time, it is extremely probable that there will be four new Betas in the O. W. U. Our alumni and others are cordially invited to be present at the performances to take place at that time. Thus, nothing preventing, Theta will continue on the high road of prosperity.

Ernest A. Smith, Cor.

BOSTON.

June 1st closed the collegiate year at Boston University, and a most successful year for Upsilon chapter. During the year we have de-barbarianized five men and received two from Psi Upsilon. Two banquets have been given under the auspices of the chapter, and much has been done to strengthen the chapter financially and socially. By graduation we lose Lewis N. Cushman and William M. Warren. Brother Cushman will remain in the city, holding a position on the reportorial staff of the *Daily Globe*. Brother Warren has been retained as tutor at the college for the coming year. In brother Warren's graduation we lose the last of the "immortal four" who composed the entire chapter at the opening of the fall term of '84, when our rival, Theta Delta Chi, numbered about thirty. During the last three years Upsilon has fought a hard but winning battle, and as the campaign opens this fall we shall have a nearly equal footing in numbers with our rival. Of the immortal four, three have served as Commencement orators, and the fourth as alternate, his successful rival being a brother Beta. To this bit of history we naturally point with pride.

The Commencement exercises this year were unusually successful and interesting, and several new features were introduced. At the closing exercises in Tremont Temple, Wednesday, June 1st, the college was represented by brother William M. Warren, and Miss M. G. Bradford, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, both of whom did the college proud.

Backed by an unlimited amount of Beta spirit and a determination to place Upsilon at the front, we look forward to a year of successful work, both in the chapter and among the barbarians.

The faculty of the college will receive several additions at the opening of the fall term, and a large class have taken the entrance examination. The university is rapidly growing in popular favor and esteem.

George A. Dunn, Cor. Sec.

DE PAUW.

There has happened much of importance to De Pauw University and Delta since our last letter. The former has received an impetus that will give it a place among the rivals for collegiate supremacy.

The latter has done credit in a year's work of application and industry which has its result in Commencement honors. On May 5th, Washington C. De Pauw, the capitalist and philanthropist, died and left the university \$2,000,000. This guarantees it a future which will doubtless not be unworthy the name of its munificent benefactor. The theological department will have more professors. The law school is doing good work under Judge Downey as dean. The normal and music schools are such not only in name, but in fact.

Delta confines her membership almost entirely to the college proper. Her present membership is seventeen in the college department and nine pledged men in preparatory. The "prep. boys" have a separate organization, and are enthusiastic for its support, and as jealous of its reputation as is the college chapter itself. Brothers W. D. Wilcox, '90, and Charles McNett, '88, have been initiated since our last letter. Of the coming Commencement we are justly proud. The following Betas will have places upon its program: Rev. Alfred Kummer, A. M., '73, address, Friday evening, June 17th, at Commencement of School of Music; Hon. James Harlan, LL. D., '45, annual lecture, Sunday, 19th; Hon. Albert G. Porter, LL. D., '43, address; and Prof. Elijah E. Edwards, Ph. D., '53, poem at semi-centennial celebration of the university, Tuesday, 21st; Will. F. Switzer, A. M., '84, master's oration, Thursday, 23rd; and Frank T. Lodge, A. M., '84, alternate. At the graduating exercises, brothers A. P. Gulick and A. Cunningham speak. At the recent contests in declamation, brothers Bowser and McElroy obtained places in the Junior class. The former took first place. Brother C. P. Benedict obtained first place in the Sophomore class. Brother Bowser will contest for the Beveridge prize medal. Brother Hector has been manager of *The De Pauw Monthly* the past year. In the military department we had three out of four captains, and the ranking men of the Junior and Sophomore classes.

On January 16th was instituted an annual pan-hellenic banquet, the conception of brother Hector. Its object is to promote fellowship among fraternity men.

Monday evening, June 20th, the reunion and banquet of our chapter will be held. Brother Mark L. De Motte, '56, will be toast-master.

Six Betas graduate this year, but they will not forget chapter life, nor will their influence be forgotten by the chapter itself.

A chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity has been established here.

John L. Benedict, Cor. Sec. pro tem.

OHIO STATE.

The Ohio State University has graduated a class of 25, the largest number since the foundation of the institution. The heavens themselves have been propitious, and have smiled benignly upon Class Day and Commencement Day.

On the evening of the 19th the demerit system was solemnly assigned to its last resting place in the lake. Preps., Freshmen and

Sophomores, clad in all the colors and costumes that their fantastic imaginations could devise, assisted at the obsequies. Brother Kershaw reviewed in well chosen words the career of the deceased, while brother Raymund took the part of undertaker. June 20th was Class Day. Odes and prophecies, songs and orations, history and farewell address comprised the list of exercises. Brother Hyde, in the farewell address, was particularly pathetic, and well nigh moved the audience to tears. In the evening Rev. Francis Marsten delivered to the literary societies an address on "The Scholar and Progress." Wednesday was Commencement.

So much for the university; but the Betas also have a great deal to say for themselves. The past term has been an eminently successful one in every respect. We have initiated Frank Pomerene and Frank Kershaw, and have increased our chapter roll to eleven. Hyde and Woodworth have writ their names on the lists of our alumni. Brother F. M. Raymund was elected steward of the dormitory for the ensuing year, an honor great in itself, but greater since it was won over our blatant rivals, the Phi Deltas, who have been the leaders of a certain combination of which we have spoken on divers occasions, and who have never neglected an opportunity of proclaiming to the world the supremacy of Phi Delta Theta, and of maligning and abusing Beta Theta Pi.

Socially considered, the term has been an exceedingly pleasant one. A few weeks ago Miss Fritchey kindly gave us the liberty of her lawn and house, and we were enabled to hold a lawn party, one of the most brilliant affairs of the season; and soon after Miss Maud Atkins entertained us all at her house. More than one merry party has sailed bravely up the Olentangy, flying Beta colors; but our annual boat ride did not come off, because our date conflicted with that of the police picnic. We yielded the point very gracefully.

Our prospects for the coming year are bright. We shall begin work with ten men. Our rivals lose their strongest members by graduation. The coalition which we have been fighting so long has nearly fallen to pieces under our vigorous hammering, and we feel able to promise that with the beginning of another year will come a change in college politics.

A slight ripple was lately created in fraternity circles by the appearance in Sigma Chi colors of a Delta Tau Delta who has long been a prominent but uncertain factor in college politics. Otherwise nothing of interest has occurred in the Greek world.

G. Glen. Atkins, Cor. Sec.

DICKINSON.

College politics have been warm this year. If a Beta looks askance at a Chi Phi, they are accused of cliquing. Our critics would have us renounce friendships formed before college life began. Successful cliquing the two smallest fraternities could manage against huge aggregations!

Athletics have flourished. The base-ball team has been remarkably successful. The gymnasium will be fitted up during the summer, through the kindness of Mr. W. C. Allison, of Philadelphia. Dickinson's endowment and property aggregate nearly \$600,000, and a further increase is looked for in the near future.

We have met with gratifying success in collecting material for our chapter history. There are still a few wide gaps between '75 and '80. From the latter date our record is complete.

Among the visitors this term have been Governor Beaver, who cordially recognized the wearers of the Beta badge, and Chas. J. Seaman—shall we say, the *Silent Wooglinite*? Outside of our own membership, J. A. Rohback, late of Western Reserve, has shown himself to us a true Beta. Our pledged men are Budd, of Smyrna, Del., Moore, of Swedesboro', N. J., and Stock, of Carlisle, Pa.

Since it is highly probable that the convention of '89 will meet at Miami, we would suggest some seaside resort for '88, as Cape May or Ocean Grove.

Franklin M. Welsh, Cor. Sec.

WESTMINSTER.

In casting a retrospective glance over the past session, which has just closed auspiciously, we may term it a very prosperous one, although no special features have marked our chapter's life. Few years have been brighter or more heavily fraught with that which gives to college life a lasting charm and interest. No spirit of ambitious leadership has been manifested, but a uniform fellow feeling, kind and fraternal encouragement, have done much to stimulate and cultivate a laudable ambition, and to inspire bright hopes and aspirations, which we believe will be realized for the honor and future prosperity of Alpha Delta. We began the year with a membership of six. By initiations the number was soon increased to ten. Although our membership has been small, we have found it sufficient for good work. Our chapter has ranked high, both in the class-room and in social circles.

Commencement was very enjoyable and more than usually interesting this year. Of the regular college honors Alpha Delta has received her full share. Of the four anniversary orators of the literary societies, two were Betas, and both did honor to Beta Theta Pi. We graduated two men in a class of seven, and both delivered graduating orations. Thursday evening, June 2nd, brought the Commencement exercises to a fitting close with a social reunion of Betas. To us this was, of course, the most enjoyable event of the week. The traditional *canis flavus* was slaughtered, and the occasion will long be remembered as one which made especially manifest the true *esprit du corps* of our fraternity.

Brother H. C. Evans, '81, has been elected to the chair of Greek made vacant by the resignation of the presidency of Westminster by Rev. C. C. Hersman, D. D., who goes to fill the chair of biblical exegesis in Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. Brother

Evans for several years has been vice-president of Synodical Female College, Fulton, Mo., and is numbered among the finest instructors in the west. Brothers A. A. Wallace and C. F. Hersman, '84, received this year from their Alma Mater the honorary degree of A. M. Hersman, "the poet of Alpha Delta," will continue the study of medicine in the St. Louis Medical College. Wallace was recently licensed by his presbytery, and will enter at once the gospel ministry. C. A. Benton, '77, Sioux City, Iowa, was with us during Commencement, as were also F. W. Sneed and Leroy Jones, of '85. Sneed will have charge of a church this summer, but will return to the McCormick Theological Seminary and finish his course of study the coming year. J. G. Trimble, '79, Mexico, Mo., paid us a flying visit during Commencement. J. W. Stagg, '86, will preach during vacation at Ferguson, Mo.

The outlook for Westminster is very encouraging. Ten thousand dollars have just been raised to repair and remodel the old buildings and to erect additional ones. Work has already begun, and an elegant and spacious chapel will doubtless be completed before September. Rev. J. A. Quarles, D. D., of Washington and Lee University, has been called to the chair of metaphysics, and Rev. W. A. Marquess has been elected president *pro tem*. A large increase in the permanent endowment fund has been made, and it is now thought that another chair will be created soon and filled, making nine men in the faculty. The misfortune of Westminster in the past has been a small endowment, but this impediment is being rapidly removed, and we now have good reason to expect that this will very soon take rank as one of the most widely patronized colleges in the west.

As to our chapter's prospects for the coming year, we can say they are very bright. Eight active members will begin the year's work, and of all these we are glad to say that they are in every way capable of sustaining the honor and reputation of the chapter. The present Cor. Sec. is a member of the class of '87, and hence will no longer be actively connected with Alpha Delta. At the last meeting W. L. Black, '89, was elected for the coming year. Brother Black is in every way well fitted to fill this office, and the fraternity will find him a prompt and pleasant correspondent. The kind and fraternal treatment the present incumbent has received from the brethren connected with the magazine and from all others in the fraternity with whom he has been officially associated, has been highly appreciated, and has strengthened his already firm conviction that

"Friendship gave our order birth
True and lasting as the earth."

We expect to have a good delegation at the Wooglin-on-Chautauqua convention in July.

R. Lee Simpson, Cor. Sec.

P. S.—On Friday evening, June 10th, brother George R. Moulton received a fatal wound from the accidental discharge of a target gun in the hands of a fellow-student. Medical aid was summoned as quickly as possible, but every effort failed, and he died Saturday evening, June

11th, at 6 o'clock. Brother George Richmond Moulton was initiated into the Alpha Delta chapter in February, 1885, and proved himself a Beta—a true man. He was treasurer of Alpha Delta during the entire year of 1886-87. He recently passed his examination and was admitted to the Senior class of Westminster College, and hence would have graduated next year with the degree of bachelor of arts. In consequence of this sad calamity, Alpha Delta chapter will number only one man in the class of '88.

R. L. S.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

As the present college year draws to a close, we can look back on our year's work and connection with Beta Theta Pi with much satisfaction. We have had four initiations, admitting nine barbarians, and at each initiation there were present several alumni from out of town, to give the new members a hearty greeting. The prospect for a permanent house is better than ever before. Notwithstanding the increase in numbers during the year, we now feel the loss by graduation. In the literary department six will graduate, four in the law department, and one in the medical. Smith, who has taken Junior law work this year, goes to Columbia next year to finish his law course. Velde, who has also taken Junior law, either goes with him, or, as we hope, will return here and finish in the law school. Manly will take a master's degree in the literary department, besides graduating in the law department. He will locate in Denver after spending the summer in Ohio. Leonard, '89, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., to accept a position with the city engineer. He will probably not return next year. To offset these losses, we have two '91 men pledged, and two others of whom we are quite sure, besides one '90 man. Phillips remains with us at least one year more. At the opening of college next fall, we start out with an active membership of seventeen.

The class of '87 will be honored by having a Commencement that will far surpass all previous ones in attendance and entertainments, as the semi-centennial of the establishment of the university is to be celebrated. Invitations have been sent to all alumni whose addresses could be obtained, and many have signified their intention of spending their summer vacation at their *Alma Mater*. Representatives from all the principal colleges in this country and several in Europe will be sent to take part in the exercises. The musical entertainments during the week will be unusually fine. One of the most pleasing features will be the rendering of the oratorio of Elijah by the choral union, consisting of 150 voices, assisted by the Glee and Amphion clubs. By special request the university dramatic club will reproduce the very pretty drama, "The Ladies' Battle." Brothers Jed. Lee and Geo. W. Whyte take two of the leading parts in the play.

As Lambda will have a large number of alumni among the visitors to the university at this Commencement, and as the chapter wishes to give appropriate greeting to brother Griffin, professor in the law department, our reunion will be held in his honor, Wednesday, June 29th,

instead of next year, as it would regularly come. It rests with our alumni to make this a success, and we hope to have the largest and most profitable reunion Lambda has ever seen. It gives us great pleasure to be able to announce that our most famous quartette will be present.

L. B. Lee, Cor. Sec.

L. Roscoe Doud, Ass't Cor. Sec.

MADISON.

The record of Beta Theta has been such as to justify our claim set forth in the last BETA THETA PI. We have, indeed, taken our full share of honors and prizes. Brother W. H. Crawshaw, '87, has been awarded the First Bushnell Historical Thesis Prize, and the first prize in the Senior debate held during Commencement week. These are the second and third prizes in point of size and importance throughout the entire course. Brother Crawshaw has the best record on prize work of any man in college. On the prize work of the current year, of the whole \$280 that was distributed on Commencement day to the five men who were successful competitors for the four sets of prizes, brother Crawshaw received \$105.

Brother C. C. Pearce, '88, captured the First Lasher Essay Prize and Second Kingsford Declamation Prize, was the successful competitor from the Junior class for the position upon the *Madisonensis* corps for next year, and received the appointment as first Junior Wrangler. Brother H. G. McKean, '89, was awarded the Second Kingsford Declamation Prize in the Sophomore class. Brother Ellery received fourth honor in the declamation contest held in the Freshman class April 29th.

Our best news we have reserved for the last. Commencement week passed off happily. One of the most enjoyable occasions to the Betas, both active and alumni, was our annual reunion on the evening of Tuesday, June 15th. Besides the active members, there were present, Osborne, '55; Sheldon, '73; Cady, '74; Brown, '82; Kern, '82; and Swan, '84. Perry, '82, was in attendance upon Commencement exercises, but was prevented by sickness from meeting with us.

W. H. Crawshaw, '87, at the close of one of his characteristic, brilliant speeches, let the chapter into a profound secret. He said:—"There is to be a new professor in Madison University next year, and that professor is a Beta." He then told the boys that the chair of English in the college had been offered to him and that he had accepted the position. Congratulations were in order, and three rousing cheers went up for the young professor. He will also be professor of French for the present, which position he has held during the latter part of his Senior year.

On April 29th the New York Epsilon of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was established at Madison on the basis of *Aeonia*, a local society that has existed here for many years. We have always been on good terms with the *Aeonians*, and are glad to welcome them into the fraternity world.

Horace G. McKean, Cor. Sec.

WABASH.

We have our usual record to show for the third term's work. Chapter life has been uniformly smooth and pleasant. Although not prize grabbers, we have earned more than our share. Barnes, by a unanimous decision of the judges, received first prize in essay over seven other competitors. Cain received first prize in Freshman declamation contest, also by a unanimous decision of the judges. Hughes received first prize in the Sophomore declamation contest. Daniels took second place in the interstate oratorical contest at Bloomington, May 5th. He would have taken first place, as his delivery was much better than Mr. Finley's, who took first, had not Governor Foraker, one of the three judges on literary merit, because of political opinions, as we presume, marked Daniels' oration so low that to have taken a higher place was next to impossible. Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, however, another judge, marked Daniels' oration first, and we believe Brooks is considered much more of a "literary feller" than Foraker.

The increase in the attendance of the college has been fifty per cent. this year over last; and as the trustees and alumni are working hard, as well as the faculty, a corresponding increase may be looked for next year. Never before, say the faculty, has the demand for catalogues and information regarding the college been so great. We are especially proud of our growth, as the increase in attendance has been much less in the other institutions of the state. The endowment of \$100,000 asked by the trustees last Commencement is being rapidly raised. With it we shall procure a new chapel, with galleries large enough to seat nine hundred or one thousand persons, and a new library building. Mrs. S. S. Sabin, of Laporte, Ind., has, since her husband's endowment of \$50,000, given \$5,000 for the establishment of the Sabin alcove in the library. The books will be entirely of a scientific nature, being intended especially as books of reference for Professors Campbell's and Coulter's departments. During the last term several colleges, besides Iowa State University, have offered Prof. Coulter their presidencies, but he has always answered their offers by return mail that he preferred to stay with Wabash.

The class of '87 is larger than usual, but, nevertheless, our two representatives have taken most of the prizes. Daniels has been defeated but once, and then in the opinion of the judges only, during a course of five years, in speaking and oratory. Kriff has the same record in essay work.

The college glee club has given several successful concerts this term. Lewis is the accompanist, Hughes one of the bassos, while McCain manages, with credit to himself and all concerned, the part of second tenor in the club quartette. Lucas and Seaton hold down bags numbers one and two respectively in the college base-ball club. Lucas is also captain of the Freshman club. In the series of ball games this last term between the colleges of the state, Wabash played but twice. The games played were with Butler, and resulted in one victory for each club. An athletic association has been organized, of which Lucas is now president; and enough funds have been raised to insure a com-

plete success. This is something we have long needed at Wabash, and it has given an impetus to athletics.

There is very little to be said regarding our rivals. The Sigma Chi, about our strongest rivals, as well as our most friendly, lose three men by graduation, almost the life and existence of their chapter. The Phi Kappa Psi lose their only two good men in the same way. Phi Delta Theta has lately initiated a guileless, twelve-year-old junior prep. They are rid of four men with the graduating class.

Our number still remains the same—fourteen—and there is every indication that we shall start out next September with twelve staunch, enthusiastic men, being three more than last September.

S. A. Morrison, Ass't Cor. Sec.

WISCONSIN.

The approaching Commencement is an important one in the history of the university, in that President Bascom, who has so ably filled his office for the past eleven years, is to retire, and his successor, Dr. T. C. Chamberlain, late of the U. S. Geological Survey, is to be inaugurated. For this reason, and because the chapter's first formal banquet is to be held during Commencement week, we regret that this letter must be sent in too early for us to give an account of the week's events.

Despite the fact that our two beautiful lakes offer the student such inducements to neglect his studies, much hard work has been done during the spring term, and yet the fun has by no means suffered in consequence. Two fine yachts, one of which bears the name of "Wooglin," are the property of members of the chapter, and hardly a day passes that they are not seen, filled with Betas and their friends, flying over the waters of Lake Mendota, or being laboriously rowed in through a dead calm.

At the closing game of the base-ball season, between Beloit and the university, we had the pleasure of entertaining five of the Beloit Betas, and while we could but regret that our visitors must be disappointed, we could not help being pleased that the game should result in our favor, thus giving the university the championship of the Northwestern College League for the fourth successive season.

All of the fraternities have been doing some busy "rushing" during the term. The standard of all the nine fraternities seems to be improving, and while we have not reached that high state of pan-hellenic civilization which Amherst records in her last chapter letter, we are approaching it, and the fraternities were never on such good terms as now. It is reported that Alpha Tau Omega has established a chapter here, but as yet no pins have appeared. The past year has been a most prosperous one for the chapter in every way. In numbers she is larger than ever before; her meetings have been regular and well attended; chapter relations have, almost without exception, been harmonious, and the little differences which must inevitably arise over chapter policy and like matters have all been amicably settled or totally forgotten. When, at our final meeting, the Seniors and one Junior who are not again to

meet in the capacity of active members, joined in the mystic circle, and the echoes of "Gemma Nostra" died away "in the dear old hall," there was a suspicious unsteadiness in their voices, and then, as never before, did they realize the true significance of Betaism.

S. S. Cook, Cor. Sec.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

In writing a letter from Beta Kappa, it will be difficult to keep from repeating some of the things that were reported in our May semi-annual, which was written by our Assistant Cor. Sec., brother Skinner. The annual meeting of the board of trustees occurs on June 20, and the probability is that there will be very few changes made in the faculty. There has been a slow but constant increase in the number of students in attendance here for several years. For this there are several reasons, especially the fine reputation which Dr. Gondy has won as head of the pedagogical department. We expect a still larger attendance next term.

We lose Higgins by graduation. He is one of the speakers at Commencement. Reed is one of the four orators on the occasion of the anniversary of the literary societies. Almost all the offices in the Athenian literary society were held by Betas during the past term, notwithstanding there was a combination to keep them off entirely. Skinner was elected president and Reed vice-president of the Philomathean society for the first term of next year. Except Higgins, all or us expect to be back, including four pledged men, three of whom will be eligible to initiation in the fall. Brother J. M. Johnson, who has been out teaching, expects to be in college next year. Several of our active members expected to attend the convention at Wooglin, but it now seems that, because of the unusually early date set, our delegates may be unable to be present.

Brother H. H. Humphrey, class of '84, will receive the degree of A. M. at the meeting of the trustees on the 20th. Brother A. B. Richardson, superintendent of the Athens Insane Asylum, is spending the summer in Europe.

Geo. W. Reed, Cor. Sec.

HANOVER.

In the past few years we have been steadily advancing in numbers, scholarship and social position, until now we can safely assert that we are second to none. We closed the year with eleven active members. Our last initiation took place Tuesday evening, June 14th. J. C. Nelson, '90, of Rising Sun, Ind., was the happy initiate. The occasion of his initiation was also the time of our annual banquet and alumni reunion. A number of alumni were present, among them Rev. Dr. Torrence, of Greensburg, Ind.; E. R. Montfort, of Cincinnati; Prof. J. R. Barnes, of Purdue; and Rev. Dr. Archibald, former president of Hanover College, and an alumnus of Jefferson.

The annual address before the alumni association was delivered by Dr. Torrence. His subject was: "Labor, Under Heathenism, Judaism, and Christianity." The diplomas of the Philatheatan Society were delivered by Rev. Mr. Keigwin, of Orlando, Fla., one of the charter members of Hanover chapter. Most of the other speeches of the week were delivered by non-fraternity men.

On Commencement Day we received a large share of honors—far more than any of our rivals. Our graduates were three, Abrams, Bridges and Riley. Bridges received the second honor of his class, and was graduated *magna cum laude*. Abrams was graduated *cum laude*. Dillon, '89, secured first prize for declamation in his class. Tracy secured the same honor in the Freshman class. Nelson, '90, received the president's prize for scholarship in his class. In addition to the above honors, several other Betas secured "honorable mention" on Commencement and in the catalogue.

Our college is at present in a most flourishing condition. The endowment fund has been increased in the year by the sum of \$25,000. An effort is being made to add \$200,000 during the next year. A thoroughly equipped musical and art department will be added next year, for the more complete education of our young lady students.

T. R. Bridges, Cor. Sec.

VANDERBILT.

The session of 1886-'87 closes to-day, June 15th. The exercises of Commencement week have all done honor to the university.

The alumni met Monday. Dr. C. L. Thornburg was elected treasurer, and J. O. Harris, president, succeeding R. P. Whitesell, another Beta. Brother Allen G. Hall was to have delivered the alumni address Monday evening, but could not do so on account of sickness. Mr. Geo. W. Cable delivered the annual address before the literary societies last evening. The audience was one of the largest ever assembled in the chapel.

Hume has won the Founder's Medal in engineering, and will succeed Kirkpatrick as fellow in that department. This makes two Founder's Medals in scholarship that we have taken this year. We shall probably lose only two men by graduation. Harris takes B. L. and will not return; Kirkpatrick takes C. E. and will leave the university. Hume receives B. E. and Bronham B. A.; but both will likely take post-graduate courses next year. So in point of numbers we shall be almost as strong in the beginning of next year as we are now.

The field sports of the Athletic Association, on May 6th, were a success. The feature of the day was the game of base-ball between Sewanee and Vanderbilt. Smith and Taylor held "the points" for the home nine and did splendid work. Smith "struck out" thirteen of the visitors. The game resulted in 20 to 2 in favor of Vanderbilt.

The *Comet*, named in honor of Prof. Barnard, and the first annual issued at Vanderbilt, has appeared. It cost over \$700, and is a model of artistic work and execution. Like all college annuals, it spares neither high nor low. It criticises all departments of the university, as well as the students.

L. S. Merriam, Cor. Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

We still number seventeen, and it is not likely that that number will be increased this term. Next term we start fifteen strong, losing Brothers Turner and Thatcher by graduation; and then possibly we shall soon number among the twenties, as two brothers (Evans and Bakewell, both '89 and formerly '88), will return, and several brothers by blood of alumni, besides many strong friends of our own, are to enter with '91.

Our college athletics have been taking up a great deal of our time and attention in the past few months. Our foot-ball team has proven itself the champions of the coast, and the university nine stands a fair show of taking the same position in the amateur base-ball league. In the foot-ball team we were represented by Turner, '87, captain, and Stoney, '88, and McNear, '90, half-backs. In base-ball, Turner, pitcher, and Kipp, '88, center field, have ably upheld the former reputation of the chapter. Another successful Field Day, and one in which the Betas took an important part, has passed. Brother Moffit, '89, won the standing wide jump by a leap of 9 feet 6 inches, and also the hop-step-and-jump. The brawny muscle of Kipp, '88, put the 16-pound shot several inches farther than any of his competitors. In the class relay race (two miles), the event of the day, out of sixteen runners, seven were Betas; and in the winning team, which broke the record, two of the four members were Betas. The only inter-fraternity contest which has happened this year was our foot-ball game with the Zeta Psi. The Zetas were confident of success, but we vanquished them by a score of twenty-eight to fourteen.

In the different literary societies we have taken as active and prominent a part as in athletics. Brother Barnes, '89, has lately been elected to the Pi Delta Lambda, of which we made mention in our last letter, thus giving us five in that important society out of a membership of fifteen. Brother Kipp, '88, has been elected treasurer of the Longfellow Memorial Association, a society in which the faculty takes part as well as undergraduates. The *Blue and Gold*, the students' annual, appeared last week. It is considered to be the best edition ever published, especially in the matter of printing and binding—thanks to brother Beard, chief business manager.

Omega's eighth annual banquet was held in San Francisco on May 12th. About thirty were present, among whom were brothers J. M. Mathews, D. D., Gamma, '43; H. H. Rice, D.D., Beta Kappa, '67; A. R. Baum, Eta, '86, and E. P. Vandercook, Rho '84, Beta Iota, '85. Among our own alumni were Palache, Ramm, de Fremery, Wheeler, Niles, Deamer, Earl, and G. W. Dritton.

The numerical strength of the different fraternities represented here at the beginning of next term will presumably be: Beta Theta Pi, 15, Chi Psi, 13, Phi Delta Theta, 13, Zeta Psi, 12, Phi Gamma Delta, 10, and Sigma Chi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, each 7.

Fred W. McNear, Ass't Cor. Sec.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY.

With the close of the one hundred and eleventh session of our college, and the thirty-eighth year of Zeta, it becomes our pleasure to present a brief synopsis of our history during the past year. Of late fraternity life at Hampden Sidney has been unusually quiet and free from contentions. The number of fraternities is so great that the new students are "gobbled" as soon as they appear, and there is no time for the "rushing" and electioneering which used to operate with so much interest. The Phi Alpha Chi chartered a chapter here some months since, making the total number of fraternities seven. The chapters contain about six men on an average.

Zeta has initiated one new member, so that the list at present sums up seven, three of whom will be lost by graduation. In the examination the Betas passed creditably. In the Commencement exercises now being terminated we have been fairly represented. The Speaker's Medal of the Phip Society, the presentation of the same, one of the two graduating speeches of the Senior class, the class oration, have fallen to our share. The speech of Dr. E. H. Barnett, a Beta, and student of '61, delivered before the literary societies on "The Scholar's Mission," has been *the* thing of Commencement, and is regarded as one of the most eloquent orations ever made at the college.

Walter Watson, Cor. Sec.

TEXAS.

"I hereby declare the fourth session of the University of Texas formally closed," said Dr. Waggener, and, amid a storm of applause, the band struck up "Old Dixie" and the crowded opera house began to empty itself upon the sidewalks.

Beta Omicron disbands for the season in excellent condition. She will lose only three men at most, and has the prospect of a former member's return. "Brother" R. J. Swearingen, as we have always felt the inclination to call him, whom we "spiked" last fall, has at last received the full consent of his father (a former "anti-frat.") to join us, and will be our first initiate next session. "Brother Dick" has distinguished himself in the Freshman class, and will make a worthy and enthusiastic member of the fraternity.

Commencement has been, of course, the absorbing topic for some weeks. Sunday morning, June 12th, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered to a crowded house by Rev. Dr. Carroll, of Waco. Sunday night was the occasion of the first annual address before the University Christian Association, in reference to which I quote the following:

"Preliminary to the address, the president (Brother James) set forth in a concise and well-worded speech the objects of the association, its progress, and the work it had accomplished during the year. His report was truly gratifying, and surprised many of the students themselves. * * * Rev. Mr. Nelms, of Belton, began by stating and dividing his subject, which was well chosen and logically discussed throughout. He proceeded in a very able manner to show what con-

stitutes the American citizen in the highest sense of the word. His manner was graceful and easy, his voice full and distinct."—*Austin Statesman*.

These first exercises of the association were highly satisfactory, and have received much favorable comment. I quote this in full to show what great strides have been taken here in Christian work during the session. Beta Omicron takes an honest pride in it all, for all but two of her members are members of the association, and four or five of them, with two Beta girls, have been the most active workers for its welfare.

The joint celebration of the literary societies took place Tuesday morning and night. Brother Weaver was orator from the Rusk. His speech, on "The Future Literature of Texas," was pronounced by many to have surpassed in eloquence and ability any previous speech delivered from our Commencement platform by students of the university.

The Commencement exercises proper were opened with prayer by Brother Smoot. Of this occasion suffice it to say that, in the matter of distinctions, our rivals and ourselves stood as follows: Beta Theta Pi, with 11 men, made 21 distinctions; Phi Delta Theta, 14 men, 11 distinctions; S. A. E., 12 men, 7 distinctions; Sigma Nu, 10 men, 5 distinctions; Sigma Chi, 8 men, 4 distinctions; Kappa Sigma, 8 men, 2 distinctions. Moreover, by sickness or late entrance three of our best students were prevented from making any distinctions at all. In the last Rusk society election, Betas were elected to the offices of editor-in-chief, associate editor, and vice-president.

The Senior reception was given Wednesday night in the "Driskill," was very largely attended, and proved a greater success than any preceding social event.

The Texas Banquet.

"The pink-and-blue colors of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity were seen adorning the lapels of a number of citizens, as well as of students, yesterday, on the occasion of their first annual banquet. The feast was held in the parlors of the 'Driskill,' and among those present were noted Messrs. Edgar Everhart, E. B. Wright, S. M. Smith, C. R. Gibson, T. F. Harwood, of Gonzales, and C. H. Miller, of New Braunfels. The other 'frats.' of the university sent representatives, and these, with the active members of Beta Theta Pi, formed a jolly band of Greeks. Speeches were made, wit sparkled, and good fellowship ruled the hour, until, with many a hearty grip, the boys (for all were boys again) parted for the night."—*Austin Statesman*.

In addition to the above named visiting brothers, there were present of Beta Omicron's active members, P. H. Swearingen, W. L. Stiles, A. C. McDaniel, W. C. James, J. A. Beall, B. S. Brown, and D. R. Pendleton. Phillips was detained in the country on account of the stormy night, and Dashiell and Evans had been compelled to return home before Commencement. Judge Sheeks, our oldest and at the same time most enthusiastic resident brother, Floyd McGown and Claude Weaver were at home sick, the last mentioned with a severe attack of heart disease. Letters of regret were received from J. H. Simpson, of Coryell;

F. M. Newton, of Greenville; S. W. Hart, of Mineola; H. Y. Black, of Terrell; R. B. Palmer, of San Saba; C. M. Christenbury, of Hubbard City; C. C. Black, of Round Rock; W. R. Dobyns, of Chicago, Ill.; J. Cal. Hanna, of Columbus, O.; Chambers Baird, Jr., of Cincinnati; S. S. Cook, of University of Wisconsin chapter; and J. Newton Brown, of "Old Miami." The hours at the festive board flew swiftly away, amid many a merry laugh and jest, and as the smoke of our cigars curled gracefully upward we settled back in our chairs to listen to a welcome address from our honorable brother, C. R. Gibson. His loyal and eloquent words, as he dwelt upon the past record and future prospects of Beta Theta Pi, were such as to gently hush, for a time, the merry laughter that had been ringing through the hall, and to call up those higher and more sacred thoughts in which, even in the midst of merry-making, man takes solid comfort. Brother Miller responded in words no less eloquent and loyal than those of brother Gibson.

Mr. Bondurant, of Hampden-Sidney, representative of Kappa Sigma, next responded to a cold-water toast to his fraternity. His speech, as well as those of the representatives who followed him, was characterized by a liberal-minded, inter-fraternal spirit that was very striking. He made some excellent suggestions in regard to "spiking," and thought that if the fraternities would unite in a cautious method of taking men, plenty of good material would be found, especially in the University of Texas, for all the fraternities represented here. His remarks upon the beneficial influence of fraternity girls met with the hearty concurrence of all present. Mr. Thompson next responded for Sigma Nu, and concurred in the views of Mr. Bondurant. Mr. Levy, in representing Sigma Chi, also endorsed the sentiments of his predecessors, and, in the course of his remarks, drew our attention to the fact that Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi were all sons of the same mother, Miami, and yet, strange as it might seem, were of no relation to each other.

The company was again thrown into a gale of laughter by the humorous experience of "Our Last Victim," brother Pendleton. He said that when he sat for the first time in the hall of Beta Omicron, with a doctor on one side, a lawyer on the other, and a preacher in front, his feelings, with the torture of uncertainty in his mind, could have been compared to those experienced on only one other occasion, and that was when he "popped the question" the first time. He then proceeded to describe that fruitless effort.

At half-past 1 A. M., the president, brother Swearingen, arose and in very fitting terms thanked our visiting brothers, and especially the fraternity representatives, for their attendance. Half an hour more was passed while lingering in the halls, and the first annual banquet of Beta Omicron was over.

W. L. Stiles, Cor. Sec.

STEVENS.

We expect to start in the fall with a membership of thirteen from the classes of '88, '89 and '90 alone; and, if we should get our usual share of incoming barbarians, we shall be stronger than last year. We, however, never delude ourselves with the idea that quantity is the chief element of strength. The true source of strength is harmony. Our men have taken a leading part in athletics this spring. There were six Betas on the lacrosse team, one of them being the captain. The record by points, for the season, is 14 to 11 in our favor. The base-ball team was also under command of a Beta.

Ground has already been broken preparatory to the erection of the new high school building, which at present occupies a wing of the institute. The room they vacate will be used for much-needed laboratory and recitation purposes. There is a vague report that the upper story of the new high school will be fitted up into a gymnasium for the use of Stevens, but it is not sure. Would that it were true. The need of a proper place to exercise in through the winter is keenly felt by all the students.

The Bolt, our pet annual, came out about a month ago, and we have exchanged with many of our sister chapters, and should like to with more, if they will only signify their willingness to go upon our exchange list.

Our rivals have been quite active of late, and have taken in a few new men, but we shall lead the list this coming fall in numbers, and, as we fondly believe, in kind. We lose but two by graduation, and none by being dropped, while some of the other societies are less fortunate in both of these particulars.

As we cannot cover Commencement in this letter, owing to its coming too late, we will give a brief programme of the exercises:

Sunday, June 12th, baccalaureate address, Rev. Dr. Oliver Brown, Methodist Church, Hoboken.

Tuesday, June 14th, class of '87 banquet, at Clark's, New York City. Decennial reunion, class '77; triennial reunion, class '84, Delmonico's.

Wednesday, June 15th, President Morton's reception, 5 P. M.; meeting of the alumni, 8 P. M., at the institute.

Thursday, June 16th, Commencement exercises, 8 P. M., Wareing's Theatre, Hoboken; Junior hop, 11 P. M., German Club-house, Hoboken; quinquennial reunion, class '82, 10 P. M.

About half of our chapter will attend the convention, and perhaps more.

C. G. Richardson, Cor. Sec.

DENVER REUNION BANQUET.

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Creighton, president-elect of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, delivered the Denver University address on the evening of the 15th of June. As he is an honored member of our brotherhood, it was thought best that the Denver Alpha Nu give him a complimentary banquet and at the same time repeat a Colorado Beta reunion. Matters were quickly arranged, and all the brothers in town who could be reached were informed of the prospective feast. Accordingly, 8 o'clock in the evening of June 16th saw a company of twenty-three assembled in the handsome reception rooms of "The Albany." Shortly after, the company adjourned to a private dining-room, where a magnificent dinner was found prepared. The following was the

MENU.

Spanish Olives.	Green Turtle aux Querelles.	Sliced Tomatoes.
	Filet of Salmon, a la Normandie.	
	Pommes Duchesse.	
	Small Patties aux Salficon.	
Spring Chicken, Saute a la Chevaliere.	Petits Pois Verts.	
Sirloin of Beef, larded a la Jardiniere.	Cauliflower au Gratin.	
	Claret Punch.	
	Roast Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.	
	Shrimp Salad, Mayonaise Dressing.	
Vanilla Ice Cream.	Gateaux Assortis.	
	Strawberries with Whipped Cream.	
Fruit.	Cheese.	
	Cafe Noir.	

After the disposal of the dinner, the cigars were passed, and Judge Samuel H. Elbert, the president of the evening, rapped to order and announced the first toast: "Our Honored Guest: May the new Wesleyan University of Nebraska, under his wise and efficient direction, speedily realize the largest hopes of its founders."

Rev. Dr. Creighton responded: "Brother President and Betas: I have been surprised and delighted at your beautiful city, at the great fertility of your country, and the strength of your various institutions. Now I am embarrassed at this pleasant reception. I do not know how to express my appreciation and gratitude. But there is a vein of sadness, as well as a vein of mirth and humor, in this. All the keys are struck—major, minor, and middle. When I went back to the old Ohio

University and saw the scenes of my boyhood's triumphs, saw the old buildings and our old hall, I was pleased and delighted; yet I went away somewhat the sadder, too. And so when I see the emblems of the "dorg" and fraternity life, when I grasp the hand and look into the eye of a brother, I can but seem sad as well as glad. We can't live over the joys of our younger days, but we often dream of them. * * * *
As to our new university, we have a most beautiful city in Lincoln, the greatest railroad centre, for its age, of any city in the Union. Our institution is but starting; still, it is strong at the beginning in the enthusiasm and spirit of many ardent supporters. And when we attain our growth, I want to see our fraternity established there, for I know that wherever the three stars shine there will be light and brotherhood and peace." The doctor continued his remarks in a very happy vein, thanking the brothers very kindly for the delightful reception.

After a song, another toast was proposed: "The Silver Greys: Their hoary hairs are crowns of glory;" and Gen. John Pierce, a venerable brother, responded: "Brother Betas, I think one of the wisest sayings I remember having read was one of an old French philosopher, that 'the more he saw of humanity, the better he liked his dorg.' I was once a purp myself, like some of those about me. I used to think I was a dorg and could bark with the older canines, but now the bark is all off of me." In speaking of his college days, the General grew very pathetic in his remarks, and almost broke down in recalling the joys and sorrows shared in common in his old chapter hall.

Another song, and Judge E. T. Wells responded to "Betaism at the Bar," calling to mind the names of many of the most noted jurists of the day, Oliver P. Morton, Durbin Ward, Stanley Matthews, William H. West, Dan Voorhes, Wilbur Stone, Henry Mason Matthews, and John Randolph Tucker. "Betaism in the Pulpit" was ably presented by the Rev. Bayard Craig, who said that the Beta lawyers and Beta preachers went hand in hand to all parts of the country, assuming the highest positions, both social and professional. Joseph W. Stocks responded to "The active members of our chapter: Achievements and prospects both beyond envy," relating its hopes and prospects. E. M. Cranston, on "Our chapter: May the old crew, which has Rho-d us to Nu waters, never miss a stroke or foul an oar," followed and told of our past history; how we fought for recognition from the fraternity, and obtained it only after much wearying labor. "Wooglin Forever" shook the walls for five minutes, and was followed by the toast: "Beta diet: Good enough for saint or sybarite." Judge Wilbur F. Stone gave the response, and, among other things, made a strong plea that we

should have more reunions. "Our fraternity is extremely strong in Colorado, and a good old-fashioned 'dorg' once in a while would make a brother feel younger and better." Dr. Moore then spoke of the fraternal feeling that characterized the Beta Theta Pi more than any other fraternity. "True Betas, like poets, are born, not made," and if we uphold our present standard the organization will continue to be the most "fraternal fraternity" in existence. "Betas now are true brothers the world over, and may they ever continue so."

As the midnight hour drew near, the mystic circle was formed and the company broke up, unanimously voting that the evening was one of the most enjoyable ever spent, and that we should never again let a year pass without our reunion. The alumni present were: Judge S. H. Elbert and Rev. John Whistler, of the Ohio Wesleyan; the Rev. Drs. Charles F. Creighton and David H. Moore, of the Ohio University; Rev. J. T. Musgrove, of Northwestern; Rev. Bayard Craig, of the Iowa State; Judge Wilbur F. Stone, of De Pauw; Gen. John Pierce, of the old Western Reserve; Judge E. T. Wells, of Knox; H. J. Hersey, of Boston University; R. W. E. Davis, of Denison; Clay Whitford, of the Iowa Wesleyan; Earl B. Coe, of the Michigan State; E. M. Cranston and Will. A. Moore, of Denver University. All the resident members of Denver Alpha Nu were present: Brothers Will. Iliff, H. L. Wriston, C. K. Durbin, H. L. Shattuck, F. W. McCartney, J. W. Stocks, Lewis B. Mertz, and A. T. Moore.

A. T. Moore, Cor. Sec.

GREEK NOTES.

On the whole, this closing college year does not seem to have been the best kind of a season for fraternity magazines. It is hard to account for this to our best satisfaction, but the chief hindrances to successful careers have apparently been caused by these two things—new editors and hard times. Some years ago, after the establishment of the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, which set the standard so high that its rivals perforce had to improve or retire, there was a great spurt made in fraternity journalism, and some very gallant barks were launched which have in many cases been obliged to take in sail or lay up for repairs. Plainly speaking, some magazines cost too much both in talent and money; and since the former could only be permanently secured by the use of the latter, a painful lack of both has more lately been observed, as soon as the best editors began to realize fully what was required of them and could not afford to give their labors gratis. Therefore, numerous

changes have been made the last year or two in the *personnel* and location of the editorships, and now not more than about three of the magazines are in the hands of the same experienced managers of three years ago. A fraternity magazine can not be run well without plenty of money, and the desire of expansion has not been favored by the fact of stringency in financial circles.

During this year there has been a considerable falling off, rather more severe than usual, in the quality and quantity of the magazines. A few, like the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, the *Chi Psi Purple and Gold*, who lead the van, and the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, always genteel, have kept on the even tenor of their ways, the *Purple and Gold* really making an advance in elegance of appearance and virility of contents. The *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, after cutting a few fine flings and then subsiding into windy dreariness, has lately been born again into beauty and culture under the care of an old and accomplished editor. The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, which spread its wings last year for so splendid a flight into the inane, struck the earth again last fall with something of a thud, and now crawls along quite painfully in its good clothes. The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* started off blithely this year, keeping up its usual swinging pace and jolly face, but the editors seemingly slackened a little in later issues, and have suddenly almost dropped out of our sight at the last. The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has fulfilled its flaunting promise of one issue for each and every month and that issue squarely on time ; but the ship, when it came in, proves only to be a freighter, rather lightly laden and poorly disciplined. The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta and the *Sigma Chi*, both published at Chicago, seem to have this something more in common, in making fair starts but never getting anywhere ; and the latter is suspected of having turned pirate or wrecker, from the quantity of reprints and unclassable special articles it has taken on board this year. The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* has almost tired itself out in its effort to be philanthropic and sentimental, and is probably resting somewhere among the fair Islands of the Blessed. The *S. A. E. Record* has sailed along fairly and calmly under its new captain, and its wings are still "white wings." The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* and the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, barks also sailing under the Southern Cross, have peacefully plowed summer seas which have not roughened for the little craft. Nor may we omit mention of the *Sigma Nu Delta*, for which we had kind words before and can repeat them with sincerity.

Of the young ladies' magazines there is little to be said. In the best of them, the *Kappa Kappa Gamma Key*, we miss the wealth of

keen wit and piquant cleverness that so brightly characterized it under its renowned late editor; and it now seems to have shaken down into a milk-and-water imitation of that sterling young ladies' magazine, the Vassar *Miscellany*, with a loose bulk of unreadable articles and unmentionable advertisements. It is very handsomely printed, however. The *Kappa Alpha Theta* and *The Arrow* of I. C. Sorosis, also favor us with an occasional call, but as we have not often read them we shall be excused from delivering an opinion, if only a curt one, upon them. There is also a sister magazine, the Delta Gamma *Anchora*, that often contains some very sweet verse and ingenuous sentiment, which we have sometimes read but have not remembered. Indeed, all these feminine magazines, ungenerous and ungallant as it may be to state the fact, are of no interest or use to us. Just at the last moment of our dreamy reverie there comes the June issue of *The Arrow*, which in its new dress looks even more like the Vassar girls' journal and has really caught some of the latter's sprightly spirit.

 THE SPHINX.

Calmly the hooded Sphinx doth sit enthroned
 Above the tumult and the strife of men.
 Her old, mysterious riddle still unsolved,
 She holdeth yet within her own sad ken.
 Her eyes are heavy with the weight of years;
 Her lips are sealed, but that she now and then
 Doth drowsily unclothe them, to propound
 The mystic, fateful riddle once again.

Whoe'er doth fail that riddle to unfold
 She dashes down the horrid rocks to death.
 Up from the depths ascends the dying moan,
 Borne on the slow wings of the parting breath.
 Men grow afraid the awful guess to try,
 And gaze with terror on her brow of stone.
 The hazard is more fearful than the doubt,
 And so they pass and leave the Sphinx alone.

But see! There cometh one with lifted brow,
 More calm and stately than the Sphinx's own,
 Whose eyes beam light, whose calm lips beautiful
 Make this keen answer to the beast of stone:
 "I am the Truth! I am the Light of Life!
 Thy riddle, long unsolved, is now made known.
 Dash thyself down, O beast, unto thy death.
 Dash thyself down from off thy rocky throne!"

Wm. H. Crawshaw.

THE BETAS.

KENYON.

E. M. BENEDICT, '85, and GEO. C. COX, '86, have positions as instructors in the Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.

LON. M. SNYDER, '85, and MART. A. MAYO, '86, have just graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in the class of '87, brother SNYDER carrying off first honor of the class in scholarship, thereby gaining a prize of \$75. Commencement occurred May 25th, the class numbering about 75. Brother Snyder also pleased his friends by getting married immediately after, thus securing two fine prizes, well merited, in one week.

ED. V. BOPE, '85, is reading law at his home in Findlay, Ohio. He attended the law school at Ann Arbor last year.

IRVING TODD, '84, is engaged in the state printing works at Topeka, Kansas.

GEO. E. BENEDICT, '84, is studying at the General Theological Seminary, P. E., in New York City.

GEO. S. COX, '87, has the position of assistant chemist at the Illinois College of Pharmacy, Chicago.

CHAS. D. WILLIAMS, '80, was married to Miss Lucy V. Benedict, a sister of the four Benedict brothers of our chapter, on the 29th of September, 1886, in St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati. They are now living at Fern Bank, Ohio.

WARWICK M. COWGILL, '80, was lately married, and is now practicing medicine at Paducah, Ky.

CHARLEY and EBER TULLER, '87 and '88, are now engaged in the stock business at Dublin, Ohio.

HARRY N. HILL, '87, is traveling for Bassett & Presley, iron manufacturers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

J. EDWARD GOOD, '84, is with McIntosh, Good & Huntington, wholesale hardware dealers, Cleveland, Ohio.

ALBERT C. WHITAKER, '88, is in the office of the Whitaker Iron Works, Wheeling, W. Va.

KENYON B. CONGER, '87, is making an extended tour through Europe, Egypt and Palestine. He expects now to return the latter part of June, having sailed out in May, 1886.

ST. LAWRENCE.

F. H. PECK, '77, was elected district attorney of Jefferson county during the recent fall elections.

F. S. LEE, '78, will fill the chair of the professorship in biology. Brother Lee, after receiving the degree of Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins, pursued for a time the study of biology at Leipsic.

L. C. RICH, '82, has entered the General Theological Seminary of the P. E. church at New York.

H. D. ROBINSON, '86, is at present engaged upon important engineering works at Brooklyn, under his uncle, Leffert Buck, C. E.

F. T. POST, '83, has begun to practice law at Lowville, in Jefferson county, N. Y.

HERBERT F. GUNNISON, '80, who for several years past has held the position of Albany correspondent of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, has been promoted to a responsible position in the business management of that paper.

NORTHWESTERN.

REV. R. G. HOBBS, '74, is enjoying his pastoral work at Springfield, Ill.

REV. CHARLES W. THORNTON, '77, has been returned to his charge at Mendota, Ill.

ISAAC E. ADAMS, '79.—*The Northwestern* of December 17th contains the following: "I. E. Adams, '79, has just published 'The Life of Emory Storrs,' the late lamented criminal lawyer of Chicago. The work has received most favorable comment from the press, and is being eagerly subscribed for by the medical fraternity."

W. A. HAMILTON, '79, has removed from Superior, Wis., and now resides at Evanston. He has formed a partnership with I. E. Adams, with offices at 40 La Salle street, Chicago.

REV. W. B. NORTON, '80, is now stationed at Roschelle, Ills.

REV. FRED. H. SHEETS, '82, is stationed at Sterling, Ills.

JOHN C. BANNISTER, '83, took unto himself a wife about Christmas time. Congratulations and best wishes.

FRANK E. LORD, '83, is in the law office of Scott & Hamline, 101 Washington street, Chicago.

REV. O. H. CESSNA, ex-'84, is stationed at Nunda, Ills.

D. H. BLOOM, '85, is in the law office of Montgomery & Smith, 57 Portland Block, Chicago, Ills.

C. L. TOMLINSON, '86, is at Boone, Ia. He has had a very busy and profitable year as editor of the *Boone County Republican*.

HARRY HAMILL, ex-'87, is studying at the Union College of Law. He is with the firm of Blackman & Landis, law offices 29 Portland Block, Chicago.

BETHANY.

JAMES ANDREWS HOPKINS MERTZ, '85, is in Denver, Col., seeking to regain his health. He left for that place a year ago, and from there went to California. Being urged to return to Denver by his brother Lou, who is in the Denver Medical College, he started. But he had been writing for Lou to come to him, and when he got to Denver Lou was on his way to California. After some delay and vexation, the brothers were brought together in Colorado Springs, and returned to Denver, where both are at present, and, as they are both enthusiastic Betas, they will be glad to meet any of their brethren passing that way.

WILLIAM LINCOLN MCELROY, '85, is reading law in Howard, O. He was Fourth-of-July orator at that place last year.

C. P. WINBIGLER, '79, lawyer, of Ashland, O., was married last fall to Miss Veda Roberts.

E. J. GANTZ, '75, pastor Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind., has just founded a paper at that place called *The Central Christian*.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN WITMER, '84, is at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA.

DR. H. A. HARE, '84, studied medicine during the last summer in Germany, and was re-appointed demonstrator in physical diagnosis in the medical department of the university.

DRS. T. B. BRADFORD, '84, and C. J. IRVIN, '84, are resident physicians at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia.

CLARENCE CLAGHORN, '84, is a successful mining engineer of Schuylkill county, Penn.

DR. N. P. GRIMM, '85, returned from Europe last fall with his wife, and entered upon his duties as resident physician in the Episcopal Hospital.

DR. F. H. EDSALL, '85, has been pursuing a special course in medicine in Leipsic, Germany.

T. S. SMITH, of the Philadelphia alumni chapter, Stevens, '85, has left Philadelphia with the intention of superintending his father's works in Cincinnati.

OHIO.

H. H. HUMPHREY, '84, is at Carbondale, Pa., in the employ of an electric light company.

C. W. DE LAMATRE, '84, is practicing law in Omaha, Neb.

A. J. MICHAEL, '71, after having gained a fine reputation as teacher, has been practicing law in Cleveland for some years, and has already taken his place as one of the successful lawyers of the city.

G. P. COLES, '82, is principal of the B. & O. School of Technology in Baltimore.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER, '56, of Bellefonte, Pa., who was inaugurated Governor of Pennsylvania last January, was born in Perry county, Pa., in 1837. He entered Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pa., in 1854, at that time the leading educational institution of the state, and graduated therefrom in 1856, with honors. He read law with the Hon. H. N. McAllister, and had barely reached his majority when he was admitted to the bar. While preparing himself for the bar, Beaver had joined the Bellefonte Fencibles, Captain Andrew G. Curtin. Captain Curtin being elected Governor, he promised the young lawyer to call upon his old command at once, should war come. The call came sooner than expected, and James A. Beaver reported with his company as its lieutenant. Having sprung from a fighting family, he soon won distinction on the battlefield, and was rapidly promoted to more responsible commands. He was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville and at Cold Harbor. At Petersburg he was blown up by a shell bursting at his feet, and at Ream's Station, having but a

few minutes before crawled out of an ambulance to mount his horse and take lead of his command, he was again wounded by a ball passing through his right leg. This wound was so serious that the next day his leg was amputated. On September 3rd, nine days after, his diary contains this entry: "Commenced to die." For weeks his life hung in the balances that a hair would have turned, and it was only that fortitude which marks the true soldier and the true man that ever kept the little life left in him from going out. It was not until three months later that he was able to be removed to his home. He was made a brigadier-general by brevet for meritorious service during the war, and particularly for distinguished and valuable services at Cold Harbor. He was then compelled by reason of his wounds to give up his military career. He again took up the law. At Gov. A. G. Curtin's earnest solicitation, he became a candidate for the legislature in 1866, and came within 141 votes of election in a county which then gave a Democratic majority of 900. In 1878 his name was mentioned as a candidate for the governorship, but he refused to make any effort for the nomination. In 1880 he led the Republican delegates to Chicago, and so nobly fought for Gen. Grant that the "306" are known to every man, woman and child. When Gen. Garfield was nominated for the Presidency, Gen. Beaver became the choice of his delegation for vice-president. Ohio, Tennessee and eight other delegations took up his name with enthusiasm. Gen. Beaver refused most emphatically to be a candidate, saying that his friends wished him to become a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania. He did good work for Gen. Garfield upon the stump, as he did for James G. Blaine four years later. In 1882 he was nominated for governor of Pennsylvania, but was defeated by an independent movement, directed not against Gen. Beaver, but against certain men whom they wished to keep from gaining control of the state. Mr. Beaver went down with the whole Republican ticket. In 1886 he was again nominated by his party for governor. There was not a vote cast against him in the convention, and, after a brilliant campaign, he de-

feated his opponent, Hon. Chauncey F. Black, son of the late Hon. Jere Black, by a plurality of over 42,000. He is a trustee of his *Alma Mater*, and also of Lincoln University (Pa.), a colored institution.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

DR. THAD. A. REAMY delivered a lecture on "Woman's Work" before the Nelson Literary Club of Cincinnati, on the evening of Dec. 16th, 1886. His treatment of the subject was from a physician's standpoint, and largely concerning the hygienic care of children. The doctor is a frequent contributor to the medical journals.

REV. F. W. GUNSAULUS, '75, has brought out his latest work, on "The Transfiguration of Christ." He has lately accepted a call to a prominent church in Chicago.

REV. E. P. THIRKIELD, '76, dean of the theological seminary at Atlanta, Ga., is a frequent contributor to the *Western Christian Advocate*.

SYL. G. WILLIAMS, '77, of Cincinnati, is the happy papa of a first-born, a son.

J. M. JONES, '80, resigned his position in the First National bank of Delaware, O., on account of ill health, and is now engaged in the Delaware Building and Loan Association.

M. L. MILLIGAN, '84, is attending to his clients at 81 N. High street, Columbus, O.

N. H. FAIRBANK, '84, is meeting with success in his practice of law in Kansas City, Mo.

E. L. SHANNON, '88, has been teaching at Pottersville, Union county, O. He will resume his studies next year.

D. S. GRIFFIN, '86, returned from the west last fall to spend the winter in Delaware.

MISSISSIPPI.

G. T. FITZHUGH, '86, chief of Dist. V., is lecturing the young ladies of Whitworth college. We are glad to hear that he is coming to the university next session to study law.

R. P. MOORE, law, '86, is teaching the young idea how to shoot at Wesson, where he is very successful. He intends beginning his law practice soon.

H. M. QUINN, '86, is also teaching at his native town, McComb City. We

are glad that he will rejoin the chapter next session.

J. B. COCHRAN, law, '86, is practicing in Meridian with R. F. Cochran, law, '85.

R. B. MAYES has gone to the cool clime of Dakota for his health, and is engaged in business.

W. W. MAYES is in business at Hazelhurst, Miss.

L. T. FITZHUGH has concluded to be a farmer, and is this year attending the A. and M. college.

WISCONSIN.

H. P. STODDART, '86, law, has an important position in the legal department of the Northwestern Car Company of Stillwater, Minn.

STEPHEN MARTINDALE, jr., '86, law, has opened a law office at La Crosse, Wis.

L. P. CONOVER, '85, was married September 16th, 1886, to Miss Isabel Storer, of Madison, Wis., where they will reside.

HOWARD MORRIS, '77, was married October 4th, to Miss Julia D. Robertson, of St. Paul.

A. C. COPELAND, of Beta Delta, Cornell, has passed the year at the law school of the university.

H. S. SHEDD, '86, will occupy a position upon the St. Paul (Minn.) *Pioneer Press*.

WESTMINSTER.

G. C. HEARD, '71, has received an appointment in the Land Office at Washington, D. C.

THOS. W. SHAW, '71, will represent Callaway county in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly of Wisconsin.

E. W. GRANT, '80, was married to Miss May Gorin, of Louisiana, Mo., October 22nd, 1886.

C. W. JONES, '84, has been appointed to the postal service on the Wabash Railroad.

R. W. MITCHELL, '76, is editor of the *South West Mail*, Nevada, Mo.

JAS. R. MOORHEAD, '84, formerly chief of District IX., is engaged in the lumber business at Lexington, Mo.

W. H. BRADLEY, '86, is at Princeton Seminary.

B. H. CHARLES, Jr., '85, is professor of civics in Synodical Female College, Fulton, Mo.

E. F. MCCAUSLAND, '86, is teaching at Alton, Ill.

C. F. NESBIT, '88, is in Michigan recuperating his failing health.

UNION.

A. H. DOUGHERTY, '80, is an artist. His rooms are at 59 North Pearl street, Albany, N. Y.

J. W. GIBSON, '81, is in the mercantile business at Mierdeth's Hollow, N. Y.

REV. J. J. HENNING, '81, has a charge at Remy's Corners, N. Y.

REV. H. C. HINDS, '82, is pastor of a church at Amsterdam, N. Y.

W. B. LANDRETH, '81, is one of the firm of Fitzgerald & Landreth. He is city surveyor, Schenectady, N. Y.

J. W. ADAMS, '83, is postmaster at Belmond, Iowa.

J. W. VAN NESS, '83, is practicing law at Northville, N. Y.

F. D. HALL, '84, is engaged in farming at Antwerp, N. Y.

S. E. BISHOP, '84, is principal of the public school at Sloatsburg, N. Y.

A. C. EGELSTON, '85, is reading law at Minneapolis, Minn.

G. W. BARHYDT, '85, is studying theology at Middletown, Conn.

A. B. BISHOP, '85, is teaching at Millerton, N. Y.

W. H. ROBINSON, '85, is studying at Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J.

F. E. CRANE, '85, is tutor of mathematics at Union College.

J. T. W. KASTENDICK, '87, is studying medicine at the Homœopathic Medical College, New York City.

J. E. CLUTE, '87, who was studying medicine in New York, is at home on account of illness, at Schenectady, N. Y.

F. H. SILVERNAIL, '88, is studying medicine at Valatie, N. Y.

DEPAUW.

HON. WILLIAM CUMBACK, '53, of Greensburg, Indiana, the president of the convention of Beta Theta Pi held in Cincinnati in 1882, is strongly inclined in favor of the prohibition political party, while still clinging to the Republican. Mr. Cumback took a prominent part in the recent convention of anti-saloon Republicans held in Chicago. He is quite a noted lecturer, and has spoken on "The Invisible,"

"Some People," "Self-Culture," "Ridiculous Humanity," "Mind Your Business," "The Proverbs of Solomon and Confucius," and several other interesting subjects. He has been a very prominent figure in Indiana politics since 1855, serving as lieutenant-governor from 1869 to 1873, whence he obtained the title of "Governor," by which he is usually known.

HON. ROBERT R. HITT, '55, has been returned by the constituency of the sixth Illinois district as their representative in Congress.

HON. WILLIAM M. SPRINGER, '57, for the seventh consecutive term represents his district, the eighth Illinois, in the lower House of Congress.

HON. COURTLAND C. MATSON, '62, of Greencastle, Ind., returns to Congress for the fourth consecutive term as member for the fifth Indiana district.

MARK G. DEMOTTE, '49, republican, has been elected to the Indiana legislature from Lake and Porter counties.

EDWIN H. TERRELL, '71, of San Antonio, Texas, delivered a toast at the reunion of Harvard graduates in Indianapolis on Founders' Day. He was a candidate on the people's ticket for mayor of San Antonio at the late municipal election, but was defeated by a small majority, leading his ticket. A "roorback" story or two started the night before his election caused his defeat after a most exciting contest, in which he represented the party of reform and decency.

WORTH MERRITT, '82, of Indianapolis, who was recently very ill, has recovered.

W. O. SHEPHERD, '85, is preaching at Blue Lick, Ill.

WILLIS VAN DEVANTER, '77, now a practicing attorney of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was last fall elected to the territorial legislature, leading the ticket. The following notice of him is an extract from an article that appeared in the *Cheyenne Sun*: "Willis Van Devanter, whose name leads the list of republicans on the house ticket, is a representative from that large and important element in every community, the earnest, energetic, progressive and pushing young men from which are fast recruited the sturdy material with

which to fill the places of the dropping wheel horses in the onward surge of public affairs. Mr. Van Devanter, himself a young man of twenty-seven, but with a lawyer of some half dozen years of active and successful practice, is a native of Indiana. For several years he practiced his profession in his native state in company with his father and Chief Justice Lacey, of this territory, under the firm name of Van Devanter, Lacey & Van Devanter, and for two years during that time acted with credit to himself as prosecuting attorney in his county. Removing to Wyoming at about the time Chief Justice Lacey was called to the territorial bench, Mr. Van Devanter entered upon the practice of his profession, and has through his ability as a lawyer and many desirable qualities as a man, brought to himself a desirable clientage and many warm friends. Last winter Mr. Van Devanter was appointed by Governor Warren one of the commission of three of the leading members of the Wyoming bar for the purpose of revising and preparing for publication the laws of the territory, in which position, through his painstaking care, legal qualifications and excellent work, he has won the hearty commendations of all familiar with the task and its requirements. As a member of the legislative assembly, Mr. Van Devanter will possess an unequalled acquaintance with the laws now on our statute books, their errors, inconsistencies, successful or faulty operation and the demands for further legislation. He will couple with this acquaintance the benefits of a well trained legal mind and a practical and thorough knowledge of affairs, united with a pleasing presence and ready delivery, be it at the bar, on the stump or on the platform. And with all this no one can question the integrity of the man and his conscientious regard for principle."

MICHIGAN.

LEVI T. GRIFFIN, '57, of Detroit, was nominated for justice of the supreme court of Michigan by the Democratic state convention. Brother Griffin is at present a member of the law faculty of Michigan University. A local paper noted his nomination with praise:

"SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.—The fact that Major Levi T. Griffin was unanimously nominated to be justice of the supreme court by a convention which was quarreling upon almost every other point is a brief bit of political history of which that gentleman may well be proud. Major Griffin's speech to the convention was clear, graceful and grateful, which, together with his trim figure and pleasant address, made a most marked impression upon the delegates. Mr. Griffin's record is that of a born soldier and honest lawyer, and an upright citizen. There is no question about his legal ability. He is possessed of the peculiar analytic mind which is indispensable to the judiciary. His canvass will be an honorable one, and, whether he be elected or not [he was not], it can never be said of him that he is the attorney of, and the sympathizer with, the monopolistic railroads as against the people."

WM. W. DEDRICK, '61, from 1875 to 1877 was U. S. attorney for the south district of Mississippi, and special examiner of pensions, 1884-85. His present residence is St. Louis, Mo., where he is engaged in an extensive law practice.

F. M. BAXTER, '62, was president of the Chicago Board of Trade between 1878 and 1882. He is now in the commission business in Chicago.

J. M. C. SMITH, '82, was last fall elected prosecuting attorney of Eaton county, Mich., for a second term, by a very large majority. His home is at Charlotte, Mich.

T. B. BRONSON, '81, since graduation has been professor of Latin and modern languages in Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake. He took his A. M. degree here last year. He was married, soon after, to a sister of brother Harris, and immediately started for Europe, where they will spend about two years. He is writing a series of letters, which are being published by an Ann Arbor paper.

D. C. OSBORNE, literary '82, medical '84, who has been to China as medical missionary for several years, returned last year and is now in Vermont.

W. J. GREGORY, '86, is in the First National Bank of Arapahoe, Neb.

H. E. MOSELEY, '83, a bookdealer at Grand Rapids, favored the chapter with a week's visit last January.

F. S. BABCOCK, '85, of Manistee, Mich., has gone to California for his health, and will engage in business there.

WILLIS BOUGHTON, '85, has laid aside his book scheme for a while, and is at present with a Cincinnati publishing company.

F. W. STEVENS, '86, editor of the *Eaton Rapids Journal*, has overstepped the bounds of common mortals and committed matrimony.

H. G. HETZLER, '86, at present in the employment of the C., B. & Q. engineering department, was here lately to make the boys (?) a visit.

J. MILLARD, '86, has returned home to remain until next October, as he can then easily finish his work with his class.

W. W. DAVIS, who came to us from Alpha Nu, has been elected as president of '86's law class. The office is considered to be the highest within the gift of that department.

C. E. PARKER, formerly of Alpha Nu, but with Lambda as an '85 pharmacist, made the chapter a call recently upon his way to his new position with Park Davison & Co., of Detroit.

W. B. CADY, '82, "the hustler of the straits," has favored the chapter twice with his presence.

C. K. COCHRANE, formerly of '85, has returned after two years' absence, to finish with '88.

F. J. HODGES, '88, is at present studying medicine with his cousin at Grand Rapids, Mich.

DICKINSON.

REV. JOHN WILSON, '72, writes to the boys of his chapter in a spirit that betokens his belief in the realness of fraternal friendship. His present address is New Philadelphia, O.

JAMES S. WILLIAMS, '73, a rising member of the Philadelphia bar, was a Commencement visitor, after some years' absence.

REV. HENRY R. BENDER, '73, was orator before the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference, 1879, and again in 1880. He has had pastoral charges at Wellsville, York, Stewartstown, Williamsport, all in Pennsylvania. Now is pastor at Lock Haven, Pa.

REV. THOS. S. WILCOX, jr., '74, preacher in charge of Mt. Pleasant,

Harrisburg, Liverpool, Castle Finn, York, Waynesboro, all in Pennsylvania. At present M. E. book agent at Harrisburg, Pa. Brother Wilcox is a frequent visitor at Dickinson, and invariably looks up the boys. Presided at last initiation dorg.

W. LAMBERT GOODING, A. M., '74-'76, professor of natural sciences, Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.; '76-'77, post-graduate student at Harvard; '77-'78, professor of English branches, Wilmington Conference Academy; '78-'81, studied and traveled in Europe; '81-'82, instructor in ethics, Middletown Wesleyan University; '82, joint principal Wilmington Conference Academy. Contributor to *Methodist Quarterly Review*.

REV. LUTHER B. WILSON, '75, writes his loyalty to Beta Theta Pi. He is a rising member of the Baltimore conference, and is at present pastor of Strawbridge M. E. church, Baltimore.

EDWIN AMES JAGGARD, '79, is a member of the bar at St. Paul, Minn.

FRANK G. GRAHAM, '83, is on the staff of the *Kansas City Times*.

FRANK T. BAKER, '85, to whom the Dickinson chapter is deeply indebted for its present existence, and whose zeal for the fraternity is unabated, is professor of natural sciences at Pennington seminary, N. J.

G. W. C. SMOOT, '88, is in the office of the collector of the port at Baltimore, Md., and attends the law lectures at the University of Maryland. He stood third in the civil service examinations in a class of 146.

S. F. SNIVELY, A. M., '82, is practicing law at Duluth, Minn.

E. S. LAMBIN, M. D., '79, is at his home in Baltimore, Md.

REV. YELVERTON PEYTON MORGAN, '75, Pierson prize for oratory at Dickinson, 1874; M. E. minister, Calverton, Laurel, Md.; 1877, entered the Reformed Episcopal Church; 1881, entered Protestant Episcopal Church and made assistant rector at Christ Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. At present rector of a P. E. church at Cleveland, O. One of the most successful of the earliest members of the chapter.

CHARLES ALBERT READ, '75, is in the signal service office, Washington, D. C.

DR. WILLIAM WRIGHT JAGGARD, valedictorian, '77, and first honor, 1880, of University of Pennsylvania M. D., has achieved great success in his profession in Chicago. For the past three years he has filled the chair of obstetrics in the Chicago Medical College, and has been selected as secretary of the section of "Obstetrics" of the medical congress to be held in Chicago in June of this year. He was also an important and valued contributor to the "Pepper System of Medicine."

TEXAS.

JAMES H. SIMPSON is teaching school at his home in Coryell City, Texas.

F. M. NEWTON, '86, is practicing law in Jacksonville, Texas.

C. H. MILLER, '86, is practicing law in the firm of Guinn & Miller, New Braunfels, Texas.

S. W. HART is attending the Louisville Medical College of Kentucky.

C. H. MILLER, '86, is practicing law in New Braunfels, Texas.

J. H. SIMPSON is teaching school in Coryell City, Texas.

H. B. STILES, formerly a student of the Texas University, and a charter member of Alpha Omicron, took the degree of B. A. at Wooster University, Ohio, last Commencement, and is studying medicine at Cleveland, O.

VANDERBILT.

LINN WHITE, C. E., '84, is now division engineer of the E. L. & B. S. R. R., and has his headquarters at Lexington, Ky.

J. B. ROBERTSON, '88, who was with us last year, has returned to Nashville to enter the hardware business.

W. T. GUILD, special, who was also one of our number last year, is now in Birmingham, Ala.

C. S. JUNGEMANN, '83, and J. W. MCCLURE, '84, of Newport, Ky., and BEN. F. TAYLOR, of New York City, were here at the wedding of brother Guild.

JAS. A. HARRIS, '86, was elected chief clerk of the Tennessee senate, an honor worthily bestowed.

ROBERT P. WHITESELL, '83, is practicing law at Union City, Tenn., being junior member of the firm of Harpole & Whitesell.

WABASH.

HON. R. B. F. PIERCE, '66, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was married December 4, 1886, to Mrs. Alice Van Valkenburg, Ind. The following is taken from an elaborate account of the affair given by the *Indianapolis Journal*: "The bride is one of the most prominent society ladies of northern Indiana, and the receptions she has given in Plymouth have been all that wealth, culture, refinement and brilliant social accomplishments could make them. The groom is a prominent railroad attorney, and represented the eighth congressional district in the Forty-eighth Congress. His name was prominently mentioned in connection with the recent nomination for lieutenant-governor on the Republican ticket. Many telegrams of congratulation from his associates in Congress were received."

DR. GEORGE A. THOMSON, '81, of Chicago, a graduate of Bellevue Medical College in New York City, was married December 16, 1886, to Miss Lulu Wilson, of Crawfordsville, Ind.

PROF. H. Z. McLAIN, professor of Greek, was obliged to retire from active duty for the latter part of this college year on account of poor health.

C. B. LANDIS, '83, is now in Washington, correspondent for Indiana papers.

FRED. W. COOKE, '84, has completed his course at Heidelberg, Germany, and is engaged in business at Evansville, Ind.

D. N. MORGAN, '63, has lately removed from Danville, Ill., to Crawfordsville.

DENISON.

OSMAN C. HOOPER, '79, who spent last fall and winter on the editorial staff of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, has lately purchased a half interest in and assumed the editorship of the Columbus *Sunday News*, a paper of local prominence and success. His delicate talent for "funny business" and witty verse again finds full expression under favorable auspices, and, withal, he knows how to run a paper in all its departments, in which he has had long and varied practice.

CHARLES H. CAREY, '81, of Portland, Ore., lately revisited his old home

in College Hill, a Cincinnati suburb, with his wife and child, after an absence of three years. He has decided to locate in Detroit, Mich.

R. W. E. DAVIS, '79, of Denver, Colo., having lately returned from a trip to New Mexico to complete his recovery from a severe attack of the measles, has again assumed the practice of law in the fine Italian climate of his adopted state.

CHARLES WOOD EBERLEIN, formerly of '86, and lately assistant postmaster at McConnelsville, O., is the assistant business manager of the St. Paul (Minn.) *Evening Dispatch*. Brother Eberlein is much pleased with his home in the Northwest, and will make a success as a newspaper man.

DAVID WILBUR BROWNELL, formerly of '86, recently paid a visit to his home in McConnelsville, O., giving a few days to his old chapter at Granville. Brother Brownell is meeting with success as a legal light in St. Paul, Minn.

EDMUND A. WILLIAMS, of '89, who left school at the beginning of the fall term to study law in Columbus, has been led to abandon the law for medicine. The change in his plans was made by suggestion of his physician.

JAMES JOHNSON ROBINSON, '84, who went to Yale in September to take a special course leading to Ph.D., was given a leave of absence, because of the illness of his teacher, and immediately sailed for Europe, where he is now studying in Germany.

CHARLES SILVEY SPRAGUE, '86, is editor of *McConnelsville Herald*.

MADISON.

REV. J. D. HALL, of Evansville, Ind., a successful Baptist minister, has reconsidered a recently-formed resolution to resign, and will remain at Evansville.

W. H. CRAWSHAW and H. C. LYMAN, '87, have been editor-in-chief and business manager respectively of the college paper, *The Madisonensis*, during the past year. They also constitute two members of the "Executive Council" of the Alpha Phi academic fraternity, a history and description of which appeared in our January issue. The third member of the Council is a Madison D. K. E.

AMHERST.

E. D. HALE, '82, is at his home in Lugonia, Cal.

A. J. DYER, '83, who was married May 25th, 1886, to Miss Lovell, is now pastor of the church in Upton, Mass.

GEORGE F. EASTMAN and GEORGE FOSTER PRENTISS, '84, are in Yale Theological Seminary.

H. D. J. GARDNER is in Hartford, Conn. He spent last summer in Nebraska, doing home mission work. At one place he attempted to do mission work in a saloon, but was driven out at the muzzles of four revolvers.

JAMES HAZEN TUFTS, '84, is again instructor in mathematics in Amherst College.

ARTHUR F. STONE, '85, is still on the *Northampton Herald*, Northampton, Mass.

JAMES EATON TOWER, '85, is on *The Homestead*, at Springfield, Mass.

WARREN E. RUSSELL, '85, was in the Harvard law school this year.

T. C. ELLIOTT, '85, is in the real estate business at Walla Walla, Washington Territory.

EDWIN S. DAMON, '86, is studying law at his home in Plymouth, Mass.

S. S. PARKS, '86, is at the Chicago Law School.

W. H. POOLE, '86, is teaching school in New York City. Address, 244 E. 48th street.

ALBERT E. WILBER, '86, is in business at Taunton, Mass.

CLARENCE H. WHITE, '86, is teaching in Hartford, Conn.

W. F. WHITING, '86, is with the Whiting Paper Company, of Holyoke, Mass.

H. A. WHITNEY, '89, is principal of the Garduer grammar school, Gardner, Mass.

STEVENS.

WM. S. DILWORTH, '84, and Miss Ida Algier, of Mount Holly, Pa., were united in marriage on the 15th day of December.

OSCAR H. BALDWIN, '85, is with the Westinghouse electrical company.

HARRY L. GANNT, '84, is a professor at McDonough's school, McDonough, Pa.

GEO. T. SANDT, '84, is at the head of the draughting department of the Edison company for isolated lighting.

E. G. COLDEWEY, '87, is with an engineering firm in Birmingham, Ala., No. 2008 Fifth avenue.

JAMES BEATTY, Jr., '84, has given up his position at Haverford College. He is one of the firm of Beatty & Co., Dugan's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.

WITTENBERG.

J. W. MCKINNON, '73, of London, O., where he is superintendent of schools, has been chosen president of the Central Ohio Teachers' Association.

REV. W. F. GOWDY, '80, has removed from Ripley, Ohio, on account of the health of his wife, and has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of New Carlisle, O., near Springfield.

RANDOLPH-MACON.

R. E. L. HOLMES, '81, an A. M. graduate of this institution, is practicing law in Colorado.

E. S. RUFFIN, '81, an A. M. graduate of this institution, is practicing law in Norfolk, Va.

R. W. TOMLIN, '81, is in partnership with brother Ruffin.

W. A. GIBBONS, '86, is at home in Rockingham county, Va.

T. J. BLAND, '84, is practicing medicine in King and Queen county, Va.

O. F. MEARS, '82, is practicing law at Pungoteague, Va.

FENTON NOLAND, '80, is at home at Hughletts, Hanover county, Va.

D. S. GARLAND, '82, is in business in Lynchburg, Va.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HON. GEO. HOADLY.—Just as we go to press we learn that our distinguished brother has had the degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by Dartmouth College. He was the orator before the annual assembly of the Phi Beta Kappa, at Dartmouth College, June 29th.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—I have a complete file of THE BETA THETA PI, except the supplement to one of the numbers of volume 4. If any one has it, and will part with it, write me. W. A. Hamilton, Room 42, 90 La Salle street. Chicago, Ill.

